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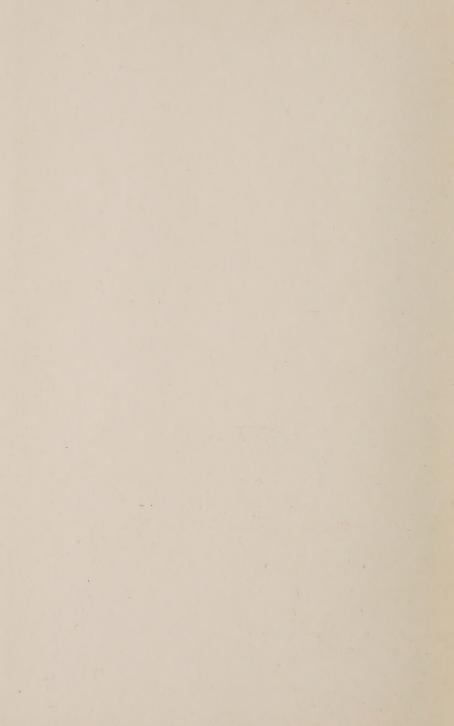
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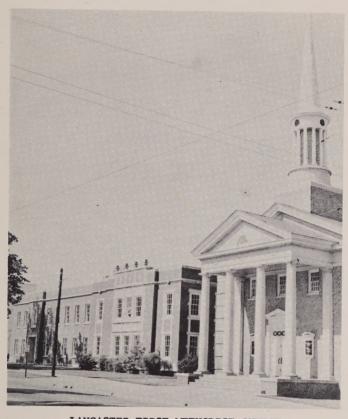
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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord. Psalm 122:1



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
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PREFACE

The writing of this history and the compiling of the materials included have been done that future generations of the Lancaster First Methodist Church may have a record of the accomplishments of those who have gone before them; that parents and teachers may have an authentic source from which to teach the children and young people of the church a history of which they have every right to be proud; that the elders of the church may meditate in their declining years on the goodness of God toward those who love Him. It was written that all who love the church may be inspired to accomplish even greater things in His Name.

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1833 - 1961

CHAPTER I

BACKGROUND HISTORY

Early Methodism in America

On December 24, 1784, sixty of the eighty Methodist ministers in America convened in the Lovely Lane Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland. The conference was called at the request of John Wesley who had sent Dr. Thomas Coke to consecrate Francis Asbury superintendent of the work in America. By the consecration of Asbury, Wesley bestowed upon him the right to administer the sacraments of Baptism and of the Lord's Supper, a privilege hitherto denied American clergy. This, for John Wesley, bred in the Episcopal custom, was a radical break. Wesley understood that just as the young colonies had achieved political independence so must they have religious freedom from all ties to the English Methodists.

Dr. Coke came to America with the intention of carrying out Wesley's appointment of Asbury as superintendent. Coke found Asbury willing to accept the office and duties of superintendent but found him unwilling to accept it by appointment. In keeping with the new democratic ideas of that day he felt that he should be elected by his fellow ministers. The conference was called, Asbury was elected and accepted the office of Superintendent of the Methodist Church of America.

Early Methodism in South Carolina

No regular appointments were made at the Baltimore

Rev. W. H. Daniels, A. M.: <u>History of Methodism in Great Britain and America</u>. Phillip & Hunt, New York, 1880, page 495.

conference. Asbury moved south to work among the people there. He left Baltimore in company with the Reverend Woolman Hickson. In Virginia they were joined by the Reverend Henry Willis and in North Carolina by the Reverend Jesse Lee.

These four, Asbury, Hickson, Willis and Lee moved into South Carolina and began the work of organizing its Methodists.² The first South Carolina Conference was held at Charleston on March 22, 1787. Georgia was included in the first South Carolina Conference. Appointments for six circuits were made, namely, Georgia, Broad River, Edisto, Charleston, Pee Dee and Santee. The Santee Circuit embraced all the territory on either side of the Santee and Wateree Rivers from Charleston to Providence in North Carolina, ten miles south of Charlotte. Present Lancaster County lay within the Santee Circuit.

Asbury soon became interested in the Catawba Indians. 1788 he set up a new circuit called the Waxhaws and sent the Reverend Michael Burdge to serve it. On April 3, 1789 Bishop Asbury wrote: "I wish to send an extra preacher to the Catawba Indians. They have settled amongst the whites on a tract twelve miles square."3 ("Settled amongst the whites"! May the saints protect the good old Bishop in the Happy Hunting Grounds!)

In 1790 the circuits were changed again. The name of Waxhaws was dropped and Catawba substituted as being more appropriate. The Reverend Jonathan Jackson was placed in charge of the Catawba Circuit.

Early Methodism in Lancaster County

It is not definitely known when the Hanging Rock Methodist Episcopal Church was first organized but Asbury tells of stopping with John Horton in 1792. Kershaw County was set up in 1791 and Hanging Rock is in that county. 5 Horton's home was Asbury's headquarters when he visited Hanging Rock. He wrote in his diary of stopping there again in 1793. It was John Horton who deeded the property whereon the church stood to the trustees of the Hanging Rock Methodist Church.

The first Methodist Episcopal Church organized within the limits of what is now Lancaster County was the Camp Creek Church located in the western part of the county. In 1798 Middleton

Betts, Rev. A. D., <u>History</u> of <u>South</u> <u>Carolina</u> <u>Methodism</u>, S.C. Advocate Press; 1952. Page 53 2.

Shipp, Albert M., History of Methodism in South Carolina. 3. Methodist Episcopal Church, South; 1886. Page 187

^{4.} Betts, History of S.C. Methodism, page 63.

South Carolina Statutes, Vol. VIII, Act 1706, page 281ff. 5.

McDonald deeded ten acres of land on which the Camp Creek Church building stood at the time to the following trustees: William Marlowe, Thomas Houze, George Hickling, Gideron Glaze and John Graham. The present Camp Creek Church building was erected in 1834. It has been remodeled in recent years but remains much as it was when constructed.

In 1791 Bishop Asbury and Dr. Coke visited the Catawba Indians at their village near present Van Wyck in Lancaster County. In his Journal Asbury says that a rude tent was constructed for the religious services the two proposed to hold. The Indians did not seem to be interested in the message but seemed to be anxious to procure military assistance from the whites in a fight against an enemy tribe. Dr. Coke has left us an excellent description of how the Indians looked and dressed at that time:

Their general, who is a tall, grave old man walked with a mighty staff in his hand. Around his neck he wore a narrow piece (I think) of leather which hung down before, and was adorned with a great variety of bits of silver. He also had a silver breastplate. Almost all the men and women wore silver nose rings, hanging from the middle gristle of the nose, and some of them had little silver hearts hanging from the rings. In general they dressed like the white people. But a few of the men were quite luxurious in their dress, even wearing ruffles and suits of clothes made of cotton.

The cabins were represented as being fairly comfortable. The Indians had an abundance of chairs but not a table could be found in the whole village.

Denominations in Lancaster County Prior to 1833

Prior to 1833 there was no organized church of any denomination in the town of Lancaster. Residents of the village attended churches scattered throughout the county. Old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church, organized in 1755, claimed a large number of Lancaster citizens. Others attended the Shiloh Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church which was organized in 1801. Methodists attended Camp Creek Methodist Church, organized about 1798.

^{6.} Lancaster County Old Deeds, Book C & E, pages 4-5.

^{7.} Shipp, <u>History of Methodism in S.C.</u>, pages 209-210.

In addition there were the following churches from which to choose: Flat Creek Baptist Church organized 1776 or before; Fork Hill Baptist Church, organized 1813; Beaver Creek Baptist Church, 1814; Hanging Rock Presbyterian Church, organized 1790; joined A.R.P. fold in 1804 but returned to the Presbyterian fold just before it merged with the Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church about 1825; Bethlehem Lutheran, before 1820; Six Mile Creek Presbyterian, 1823; and finally a church which is designated on an old plat of 1825 as "Little Hope Church." The church on the plat is in approximately the same location as a church shown on Mills' map of Lancaster county in 1825. Local residents say the church shown on the map was a Methodist Church and was the forerunner of present Salem Methodist Church at Heath Springs. Catholic and Episcopal groups worshipped at various places in the county but no churches were organized until more recent years.

Lancaster Residents Petition for House of Worship

The years went by and still no church was organized in the town of Lancaster. In 1828 when the present brick court house was being completed plans were made to dispose of the old two-story frame court house which stood between the new building and Broad (Main) Street. In that day lumber was difficult to saw and hew and often old buildings were moved from one place to another.

A number of Lancaster citizens drew up a petition begging that the South Carolina legislature donate the old court house to the townspeople that it might be moved to a more suitable location and used as a "house of worship." Apparently men of different denominations signed the petition. The legislature considered the request but decreed that the building must be sold to the highest bidder. William McKenna, a Catholic, bid the old house in, moved it across the street and used it as a counting house.

Early Methodism in The Town of Lancaster

An effort to establish a Methodist preaching appointment in Lancaster was made in 1809 by the Reverend William Capers who afterwards became a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Capers, a young man of nineteen years, was sent that year to the Wateree Circuit which was made up of twenty-four preaching

^{8.} Lancaster County Old Deeds, Book L, page 233.

^{9.} South Carolina Petitions, 1827, S.C. Archives, Columbia, S.C.

places in Lancaster, Kershaw, parts of Fairfield, Chester and York counties. In speaking of his attempt to organize a church in the town of Lancaster he related his experience thus:

> A young lawyer of my acquaintance had settled himself (though it proved not to be permanent) at Lancaster Court House and came to my appointment at Camp Creek to get me to take the village in my round. An appointment was made for preaching there, and on the day appointed I was early at the village. But it happened to be Sale day, the courthouse yard was well feathered with carts retailing cakes and cider, and probably peach brandy and whiskey and the customers were too engrossed with these good things to allow of anything better. Preaching was postponed till night when it was thought the sober ones would attend and the drunken ones go home. The text was (Numbers 22:38) "And Balam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: Have I now any power at all to say anything! The word that God putteth in my mouth that shall I speak." And as I was saying something about Balam and Balak which I thought suitable, someone rose in the congregation and stepping a little forward, cursed me with a loud angry voice, and bad me guit that gibberish and go to my text. Nobody clapped him and nobody reproved him, but it excited a general titter. I did as I was bidden but came to no better purpose; he came a little nearer and swore that he could preach better than that himself, saying, "Now Mr., just give me them thar books and you'll see." This appeared exceeding funny and of course the titter was renewed with increase, and the third time he swore lustily that he could beat me preaching all hollow and if he were in my place he would go home and never try again. I did however try it once more at that place and then, as a set-off to the previous outrage, the sheriff of the district fixed a dancing party for the night, in special honor, as I was told, of the young preacher, and I was invited (in earnest) to attend it. That was the Lancaster C.H. of 1809 and as I was to go by the Discipline in everything I gave it up under the rule in Section 14. Answer to Question 1: I had no lack of preaching places. 10

^{10.} Wightman, Rev. W. M., <u>Life</u> of <u>William</u> <u>Capers</u>, Southern Methodist Publishing House, 1858, pages 109-110.

With twenty four charges in his care we may be sure that young Capers had no lack of preaching places.

CHAPTER II

FIRST HALF CENTURY METHODISM IN LANCASTER

1833 - 1888

Lancaster Methodist Church Organized 1833

In 1832 the South Carolina Methodist Conference was made up of five districts, namely, Charleston, Saluda, Columbia, Fayette-ville and Lincolnton. The last two named districts included twelve circuits in North Carolina. Present Lancaster lay within the Wateree Circuit which was a part of Columbia District.

On January 26, 1832 the South Carolina Conference met in Darlington, South Carolina. The Reverend Leonard Rush was assigned to the Wateree Circuit. The next conference was called to meet in Lincolnton, North Carolina on January 30, 1833.

Two South Carolina ministers, the Reverend J. J. Allison of the Darlington Circuit and the Reverend James Jenkins, a superannuate from Camden, stopped in Lancaster on their way to the Lincolnton conference. They were entertained in the home of Colonel James H. Witherspoon, a friend of Jenkins from former days.

It was probably on invitation from Mr. Rush, preacher in charge of the Wateree Circuit, that the two visiting ministers held a two days' meeting in Lancaster. Thus it was that a week or ten days before January 30, 1833 they helped Mr. Rush organize the first Methodist Church (Society) in the town of Lancaster. The Reverend James Jenkins recorded the events of that memorable meeting thus:

^{1.} Betts, <u>History of Methodism in S. C.</u>, page 202.

Ibidem.
 Ibidem.

Ibidem.
 Tbidem.

^{5.} Ibidem.

Jenkins, Rev. James, <u>Experiences</u>, <u>Labours and Sufferings of Rev. James Jenkins of the S. C. Conference</u>; 1842. Reprint 1959, page 203.

I went in company with Brother Allison and held a two days' meeting in Lancaster Courthouse. We stayed with Col. Witherspoon who was very kind. Having no church in the village we preached in the courthouse. I told them on Saturday that we would organize a society there the next day by putting down the names of the few members we had on a class paper, and appointing a leader; that a door would be opened also for the reception of new members.

Brother Rush, the preacher in charge of the circuit, was present and upon effort being made 10 whites and 13 blacks were enrolled and Brother Brummett was appointed leader. This was the first society formed in the place and a year or so after a church was built.

Records show that the Reverend Thomas C. Smith was one of the two ministers assigned to the Wateree Circuit at the meeting of the Lincolnton Conference in 1833. Tradition says that Smith was one of the first Lancaster Methodist ministers.

To the Reverend Mr. Jenkins, then, goes the credit for organizing the first Methodist Episcopal Church in the town of Lancaster. Dr. Shipp's description of James Jenkins has been quoted often. He said of him:

Mr. Jenkins was tall and commanding in person, with a face even in old age expressive of great courage and energy, and a voice till impaired by long use, clear and trumpet toned He attacked with boldness sin in every, and in every place set his face as flint against everything that threatened the purity of the Church. His vigilant supervision of the young preachers and his prompt correction of their errors, caused him to be known among them as the "Conference curry-comb."

Another writer said after hearing him preach in Marlboro county in 1841:

^{7.} Jenkins, Experiences, etc., pages 203-204.
8. Betts, History of S.C. Methodism, page 204.

^{8.} Betts, <u>History of S.C. Methodism</u>, page 204.
9. Lancaster News, June 12, 1909, <u>Lancaster Methodist</u>
Church, by Rev. M. M. Brabham.

^{10.} Shipp, History of Methodism in S. C., pages 232-233.



REVEREND JAMES JENKINS

1764-1847

The Reverend James Jenkins sates in his Diary, "Experiences, Labours and Sufferings of James Jenkins" that he came to Lancaster in January 1833 on his way to the meeting of the South Carolina Conference which convened that year on January 30 in Lincolnton, North Carolina. While in Lancaster he gathered a small group of ten whites and thirteen blacks in the present court house and organized the Lancaster Methodist Church, the first church of any denomination to be organized in the town of Lancaster.



LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Designed by the nationally famous architect, Robert Mills, designer of the Washington monument. In this building the Lancaster First Methodist Church was organized in January, 1833.

(Original of above drawing by Joe H. Croxton, architect and chairman Lancaster County Historical Commission.)

It seemed to the writer that he (Jenkins) knew the Bible and hymn book by heart. He gave his hymns as though he was reading them from a book, and would state the number and page, and during the sermon would quote from the Bible, book, chapter and verse. It was simply wonderful! It was evidence that he had made the Bible and its contents a life long study. He died 24th June, 1847, and was buried in Camden, S. C. A distinguished son of Marion County, born and reared by a noble and historically distinguished mother, thus verifying the adage that "all great men had great mothers."

Among his friends the Reverend Mr. Jenkins was known as "Father Jenkins" and "Thundering Jimmy." Those who did not like him called him "Bawling Jenkins" because of his stentorian voice which he used so effectively in the cause of temperance. 12

James Jenkins was born in the upper part of Briton's Neck, South Carolina on November 29, 1764. He was descended from the Brittons and Duprees, early Marion settlers. He was born in a Baptist home but joined the Methodists in early manhood. In 1792 he received his first appointment which was the Cherokee Circuit. His appointments thereafter were as follows: 1793, Oconee; 1794, Santee; 1795, Broad River and Edisto; 1796, Great Pedee; 1797, Washington, Georgia; 1798, Bladen, North Carolina; 1799, Edisto; 1800, Santee and Catawba; 1801, South Carolina District, Presiding Elder; 1802-04, Camden District, Presiding Elder; 1805, superannuated; 1806, located; 1812, Wateree Circuit; 1813, located; 1831-47, superannuated. I4

In addition to his work as minister and as Presiding Elder the Reverend Mr. Jenkins found time to write his Memoirs from which we have quoted. His recorded experiences have proved valuable to students of South Carolina Methodist history. In addition to telling of how he came to Lancaster in 1833 and helped to organize the Methodist Church he also tells of a return visit to the town and church in 1835. By that time the Reverend James C. Postell was one of the preachers in charge of the new Lancaster Circuit of which the Lancaster Methodist Church was a member.

^{11.} Wm. W. Sellers, <u>History of Marion County, S. C.</u>, Columbia, R. L. Bryan Co., 1902

^{12.} Ann King Gregorie, <u>History of Sumter County</u>, Library Board of Sumter County, Sumter, S. C., 1954, pages 193-194.

^{13.} Jenkins, Experiences, etc., pages 9, 37.

^{14.} Rev. W. H. Moore, <u>Pioneers of Methodism in North Carolina</u> and <u>Virginia</u>: Southern Methodist Publishing House, <u>Nashville</u>, <u>Tenn</u>. 1884, page 255.

Lancaster Circuit was set up in 1834.

In telling of his second visit to the town the Reverend Mr. Jenkins wrote:

1835 . . . By Brother Postell's request I attended a four days' meeting at Lancaster Court House, where we had a powerful time. A goodly number joined the church. A great change had taken place in the prospects of the society in the course of a few years. There was now a comfortable house of worship, and the number of members quite respectable. An old friend of mine, who had been such from the time of the war, hearing I was to be at the meeting, gathered up and attended; and best of all was, he surrendered and joined the church. He said to me after going up to be prayed for, "I have always ridiculed people for falling down, etc., at meetings but I like to have fallen myself as I came to the altar." During this meeting a young man who had lived impenitently through two or three revivals and was then ill sent for Brother Postell to pray for him. 15

Charter Members

The name of one charter member of the Lancaster Methodist Church was given by Jenkins, namely that of Francis Brummett, the class leader. Of the other nine members tradition says that Andrew Mayer and his first wife, Mary Ireland Mayer, were two; also that Simon Beckham and his wife, Jane Dunlap Beckham, were among the number. It is thought that the Richardsons from whom the church lot was bought may have been. The thirteen blacks probably bore the same names as the whites.

First Methodist Church Erected in Lancaster

A Methodist church was built within a "year or two" after the society was organized in Lancaster. Certainly there must have been a building by the close of 1834. Jenkins described it in 1835 as being " a comfortable house of worship." It was comfortable according to the standards of that day. The Reverend

^{15.} Jenkins, Experiences, etc., page 206.



MR. AND MRS. SIMON BECKHAM

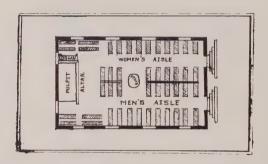
Charter Members of Lancaster First Methodist Church which was organized 1833.

Simon Beckham was Lancaster County Clerk of Court for twelve years. His wife, the former Jane E. Dunlap, was very active in church work. She became known, because of her fervor, as "Shouting Jane."



1834 - 1888

Lancaster Methodists! first church was erected about 1834 on the lot now obcupied (1960) by the Buick Company on Gatawba street. The above sketch and the floor plan below were drawn according to descriptions given by Mrs. J.T.Thomasson, Sr. and the late W.Ferry Bennett.



FIRST BUILDING AND FLOOR PLAN LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH Erected 1834.

Lucius Bellenger stated that in 1840 he preached in the "unfinished Methodist Church in Lancaster." The Reverend M. M. Brabham, pastor of the church in 1909, commented that Bellenger was referring to the unceiled condition of the house. 17

An old Lancaster County deed describes the location of the first Methodist church in Lancaster as being the lot just north of the present church property on Catawba Street where the Buick building was in 1960. Older residents say the little frame church stood on that lot facing east and was about fifty feet from Catawba Street. The deed, 18, dated February 1, 1936, states that Mary Richardson, for the sum of \$100, deeded a one-half acre lot in the town of Lancaster "where the Methodist Church stands" to the trustees of the church who were: Simon Beckham, Francis K. Brummett, Daniel Button, Isom Howze, William Massey and Joseph Klingle. The lot was a part of the former John and Elizabeth Richardson property which included the lot where the present City Hall (old Springs home) now stands.

The Methodist used their first church building for a period of fifty-four years. The Civil War prevented any great degree of change. Sometime, however, during the fifty-four years the house was ceiled inside and a steeple was added to the front roof. The late W. P. Bennett who came to Lancaster during the last

decade the building was being used described it thus:

Two doors were in the east end of the building which was about 30 x 60 feet. The pulpit was in the west end. There were three rows of benches, the middle row being divided down the center by a rail which separated the sexes, ladies to the right, men to the left. 19

Mrs. J. T. Thomasson, the former Miss Addie Carter, a lifelong member of the church, says that the "rail" to which Mr. Bennett referred was in reality a partition about four feet high. The accompanying sketches of the interior and exterior were drawn according to her descriptions and were approved by her several years ago.

Mrs. Thomasson also stated that a row of varnish trees stood on each side of the walk which led from Catawba Street to the two doors of the little frame church. The churchyard was surrounded

Bellenger, Rev. Lucius, <u>Stray Leaves</u>, J. W. Burke & Co., Macon, Ga., 1870, page 189.

^{17.} The Lancaster News, June 12, 1909, <u>History Methodist Church</u>, by M. M. Brabham.

^{18.} Lancaster County Old Deeds, Book N, pages 181-182.

The Lancaster News, <u>History of Lancaster Methodism</u>, by W. P. Bennett, 1938.

by a high plank fence, "lot style," with a wide front gate. The fence was erected for protection from run-away horses and mules. A similar fence enclosed the Franklin Academy on Dunlap Street. On As a child, Mrs. Thomasson, the daughter of D. J. Carter, lived across the street from the church. In her delightful manner she has often told of how she and other children of the neighborhood would climb these fences to play in the church and school yards even though they were supposed to be forbidden territory.

First Decade of Methodism in Lancaster

The South Carolina Conference met on January 10, 1838. The Lancaster Circuit, of which the Lancaster church was a member, reported 770 white members and 470 colored. From the beginning the Lancaster Circuit churches contributed to mission work. 21

At the conference of 1839 five Sunday Schools were reported on the Lancaster Circuit with a total enrollment of 113 pupils, 23 teachers and five superintendents. The total membership of the Lancaster Circuit for that year was 1,208.

By 1842 the membership of the Circuit had dropped to 356 but additional circuits were being organized and the number of churches on each circuit reduced.

In reality Methodism was on the increase in South Carolina. In 1843 the churches on Lancaster Circuit were: Lancasterville, Camp Creek, Ebenezer, Stratford, Hanging Rock, Salem, Tabernacle and Zion. 23

The records of this first decade of Methodism in Lancaster are scant. Imagination will help to fill in the gaps.

Campmeetings were still popular among the Methodist. Old Salem Campground was about ten miles south of Lancaster at what is now Heath Springs. A new Salem church was erected about 1835 in the present Salem cemetery grounds. An arbor was used to accomodate the large crowds attending the campmeetings.

In that day it was the popular and the expedient thing to build one's own cabin on the grounds. Andrew Mayer was one of those who owned his cabin. Simon and Jane Beckham (whose grandchild was the first person buried in the cemetery) must have had their own cabin. Mayer and Beckham were two of Lancaster's leading citizens. Mayer was the town's first mayor and Beckham was clerk of court in Lancaster County for twelve years.

^{20.} Minutes, Lancaster District Board School Trustees, 1800-1840, May 6, 1936.

^{21.} S. C. Conference Minutes, 1838, S. C. Methodist Archives, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

^{22.} S. C. Conference Minutes, 1839, Methodist Archives.
23. S. C. Conference Minutes, 1843, Methodist Archives.



ANDREW MAYER, CHARTER MEMBER

Andrew Mayer, born February 25, 1808 at Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Lancaster July 13, 1893. He migrated to Charleston about 1826, married Mary Ireland 1828, moved to Chester ca 1830 thence to Lancaster about 1833, and was shortly thereafter elected Lancaster's first mayor. His obituary states that he joined Lancaster Methodist Church about 1834 but tradition says he was a charter member. His first wife died in 1843 and in 1846 he married Margaret Caston of Lancaster. Mayer was the father of twenty-one children, only twelve of whom survived him. He was a leader in the Lancaster Methodist Church for "sixty years." He is buried beside his second wife in the Lancaster Presbyterian cemetery.



ROBERT KENNEDY BILLINGS

Ken Billings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Billings, Jr., is a descendent of Andrew Mayer. There are only four descendants of a charter member in the church, namely, Ken, his father and grandfather, R. Hacker Billings and Miss Mildred Billings, the last two named being great-grandchildren of Andrew Mayer.

Lucius Bellenger, one of the visiting ministers who attended Salem campmeeting in 1840, wrote, "Some days after I left for Salem campground in Lancaster District which was a famous place in olden times. It was situated on the direct state route from Camden to Lancaster. This was the first of several fine camp meetings I attended at that place."

Methodism continued to spread in South Carolina. New circuits and new districts were continually being set up. In 1834, just one year after the Methodist Church was organized in Lancaster, the Lancaster Circuit was set up. By 1843 the districts of the South Carolina Conference were: Charleston, Wilmington, Cokesbury, Cheraw, Lincolnton, and Columbia. Lancaster Circuit was a part of Columbia District in which the number of circuits increased in ten years from eight and one mission to twelve full circuits.

Prior to 1843 no minister remained for more than one year on the Lancaster Circuit. That year the Reverend J. R. Pickett was assigned the Lancaster appointment and was returned the following year.

Pickett was born in Fairfield County on April 2, 1814 and was admitted to the South Carolina Conference at the age of twenty-one. His ministry proved to be very successful. He retired to his home in Chester County in 1870 where he died a few weeks later on the fifteenth of March. 26

Pickett's friendliness was a great factor in his success. However on one occasion that friendliness came nigh being the cause of a misunderstanding. One day as he was driving along a lonely road he met a man driving in the opposite direction. They stopped to "pass the time of day" and Pickett asked for the stranger's name. "Cotton," was the reply, "and what might your name be?" When the minister laughingly replied "Pickett" the stranger took offense, believing himself to be ridiculed. Finally he became convinced that Pickett actually spoke the truth and enjoyed the joke. 27

Lancaster Affiliates with

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

The Reverend J. R. Pickett was the pastor of the Lancaster Circuit when the fateful General Conference met in May, 1844. It

^{24.} Bellenger, Stray Leaves, page 189

^{25.} Betts, History of Methodism in S.C., pages 206,254.

^{26.} Ibidem.

^{27.} Ibidem.

was at that conference that the churches of the North and the South split over the question of slavery.

The Reverend James Osgood was elected to the Episcopacy in 1832. In 1844 Bishop Osgood married a woman of Georgia who was the owner of slaves. By the law he became the owner of his wife's slaves. Knowing the sentiment against a bishop's ownership of slaves he deeded to his wife all his rights and claims to her slaves. In spite of that the northern wing of the Conference held to the view that he was a slaveholder. As such they took steps to deprive him of his office. A committee was appointed to effect a compromise but no compromise could be made. To avoid further confusion and ill feelings the southern wing seceded from the Conference.

The seceding conferences, made up of southern states, set May 1, 1945 as the time for the convention called to meet at Louisville, Kentucky. At that meeting the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized. Lancaster Methodist Church, as a part of the South Carolina Conference naturally became a part of the new organization. May, 1846 was set as the date for first General Conference with plans to meet every four years thereafter. The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South met on January 13, 1847 at Charleston. At that meeting the Lancaster Circuit reported 339 white members and 412 colored. A total of \$53.38 was contributed for the cause of missions by one Sunday School on the Circuit. A total of \$4.12 was reported spent for Sunday School literature.

1847 Lancaster Circuit Contributors to Missions

On January 12, 1848 the South Carolina Conference met in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lancaster Circuit reported a total enrollment of 964 for the year 1847. The report contained the following list of contributors to missions. The names are representative of the Lancaster, Camp Creek, Tabernacle, Salem and Hanging Rock sections: Rev. E. L. King, J. Houze, S. Beckham, J. M. Ingram, J. U. Ingram, J. D. Johnson, Rev. E. L. Frazier, T. J. Cauthen, W. T. Caston, Jones Crockett, C. L. Dye, J. Brown, T. Boon, D. Brown, A. Mayer, Margt. Mayer, A. Caston, Rev. J. T. Draffin, Mrs. J. E. Beckham, Miss E. Beckham, Miss E. R. Beckham, Miss Creighton, Miss E. Cauthen, L. M. Cauthen, G. W. Bell, Mrs. E. Andrews, E. Horton, J. Carnes, J. Truesdell, E. Rollins, F. Joiner, Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Ervin, J. Carter, W. Tillman, W. Bell, F. Bell, J. Houze, W. Lewis, J. B. Mobley. A total of \$93.50 was contributed.

^{28.} Daniels, <u>History of Methodism</u>, pages 632-637.

The Years between 1848 and 1859

War clouds were gathering in the distance but the Lancaster Methodist Church continued to progress. The Presbyterians organized a church in Lancaster in 1835 so that Lancaster residents now had a choice of two meeting houses. Since the Methodist church stood as close to Gay Street as to Catawba Street Gay was sometimes referred to as "Church Street" and even appears as such in a few old deeds.

Lancaster Methodists continued to draw ministers who were among the best the Conference had to offer. The Reverend Mr. Pickett was followed by the Reverend Wesley L. Pegues, a man of great missionary zeal. Pegues in turn was succeeded in 1846 by the popular Jacky M. Bradley. In 1851 the Reverend John A. Porter served the Lancaster Circuit. He was made presiding elder of Marion District in 1866. The Reverend Andrew Jackson Cauthen, another leading minister of the Conference, served Lancaster two years, 1853-1854. The Reverend Mr. Cauthen was a native of Lancaster County, the son of Thomas and Nancy Stevens Cauthen of the Hanging Rock community. In 1848 he married Mary Elizabeth Beckham of Lancaster. 29 She was the daughter of Simon and Jane Dunlap Beckham. The Reverend Andrew Jackson Cauthen was active in the South Carolina ministry for over fifty years, twelve of which he served as presiding elder. Two of his sons, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., and Henry J. Cauthen, entered the ministry. 30

When the Reverend Mr. Cauthen came to Lancaster in 1853 the Lancaster Circuit was still a member of the Columbia District. In 1854 the name of the Lincolnton District was changed to Charlotte District and Lancaster was transferred from Columbia to the Charlotte District. Lancaster remained a part of Charlotte District through 1858 at which time the name was changed to Wadesboro District. As we will see later Lancaster next became a part of

Sumter District.

On June 30, 1852 The Lancaster Ledger carried the following news item:

> Jackson Lodge, No. 53, of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Masons held a festival in this village on Thursday last (St. John's Day). The procession marched in order to the Methodist Church preceded by Captain Cauthen's band where highly creditable addresses were delivered by Col. J. B. Kershaw and Mr. A. Austin,

30. Ibidem, pages 320, 507. 31.

Spartanburg Herald, November 1, 1898. 29. Betts, S. C. Methodism, page 496.

after which the procession formed again with the addition of a large number of ladies who brought up the rear (which is the Post of honor in Masonic processions) marched to Mr. Mayer's Hotel where a bountiful dinner was waiting. We are informed about sixty Masons and seventy-five ladies - their wives, Daughters, mothers and sisters were present both in the procession and at the dinner.

In 1855 Lancaster Circuit included Lancaster, Hanging Rock, Salem and Camp Creek churches.³² There may have been others. On December 31, 1855 the churches of the circuit bought a house in Lancaster for use as a parsonage from Andrew Mayer for the sum of \$750. It was located on the west side of Main Street and is thought to have been between Meeting and Barr streets. The circuit trustees who received the property were: Lewis Cauthen who lived not far from the Salem Church; Daniel Brown of the Lancaster Church; J. M. Ingram who lived in the Hanging Rock community; the Reverend C. A. Plyler of the Tabernacle section; and Andrew Mayer of Lancaster.³³

The Civil War Years

In spite of the War of 1861-1865 the Methodist churches on the Lancaster Circuit continued to grow. In 1864 the Annual South Carolina Conference set up the Hanging Rock Circuit with Salem Methodist Church on that circuit. Lancaster Methodist Church, Camp Creek Church and the Mount Carmel Methodist Church made up the Lancaster Circuit.

The first Quarterly Conference for the new Lancaster Circuit was held in the Lancaster Church on February 4, 1865 - just eight days before the Union forces invaded Lancaster. An old Minute Book of the Lancaster Circuit Quarterly Conference for 1865 through the First Quarterly Conference for 1879 is one of the prized treasures of the Lancaster First Methodist Church. Beginning thus with 1865 the church records thereafter are fairly consecutive save for the years 1879 through 1882 and 1926 through 1929.

Hereafter we shall quote freely from the old Minutes without reference. At the Quarterly Conference of the Lancaster Circuit which met on February 4, 1865 the Reverend Charles Taylor, presiding elder, was in charge. Lancaster was a part of the

33. Ibidem.

^{32.} Lancaster County Old Deeds, Book R, pages 358-359.

Wadesboro District at that time. Official members present for the meeting were: The Reverend J. W. Crider, preacher in charge of Lancaster Circuit; Andrew Mayer, D. W. Brown, T. S. Riddle, and W. M. Connors.

At that meeting it was reported that "Brother Littleton Hoague died in peace at the age of 92," having been a member of

the Methodist denomination for sixty years.

The Lancaster Methodist Church had the only Sunday School on the Lancaster Circuit in 1865. It was reported in a flourishing condition. The Lancaster stewards elected for the ensuing year were D. W. Brown, Andrew Mayer and Alexander Carter.

The Lancaster Methodist Church and the Camp Creek Methodist Church were apportioned identical assessments for 1865. As was common in that day contributions could be made either in cash or in supplies. The assessments were: "60 Bu corn, 200 lbs flour, 50 lbs lard, 400 lbs. pork, 15 loads wood and \$1500 cash." It must be remembered that the war was still in progress and the cash was assessed in terms of Confederate currency.

The Union forces invaded the town of Lancaster during the latter part of February, 1865. The next Quarterly Conference Meeting of the Lancaster Circuit was not held till June 29, 1865-almost two months overdue. At that meeting it was reported that "Sister Mary T. Barnes" had invited the pastor, the Reverend J. W. Crider, to stay in her home without charge. The stewards

advised him to accept the offer.

Mary Thirza Barnes was the only child of Colonel Dixon Barnes and his wife, Charlotte Rebecca Brown Barnes. Her mother died when Mary was only six years old. Colonel Dixon Barnes served Lancaster District as both representative and senator before the war. Mary was reared in the home of her maternal grandmother. A few years prior to the war she completed her schooling and thereafter spent much of her time with her father. Upon the outbreak of the war Barnes was unanimously elected Captain of the first company of volunteers in Lancaster District. He soon attained the rank of colonel. He was killed in the Battle of Sharpsburg in 1862 and is buried in the Camp Creek Methodist Church cemetery. In 1866 Mary, who opened her house so cordially to the pastor of her church, married John Bratton Erwin of Yorkville where she made her home thereafter.

The financial report for the year 1865 shows that the minister was wise if he accepted Mary Barnes' offer of free board. The Lancaster Church contributed only "16 lbs. of bacon and \$15 cash." The Camp Creek Church contributed "250 lbs Flour, 20 lbs bacon,

16 lbs lard and 20 bu. corn."

At some time during the year the Lancaster and Hanging Rock Circuits attempted to sell the joint parsonage they had purchased in 1855. The trustees reported that at one time they thought they had a buyer but had been forced to take the house back into their custody and to forfeit the rent due. Lancaster was feeling the effects of the war.

Mun Thompson Licensed

Mount Carmel Methodist Church, no longer in existence, was organized by a white congregation in 1857 in the Dry Creek section. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Lancaster Circuit in 1866 Mount Carmel Church recommended that Mun Thompson be licensed to exhort among the colored people. It is possible that this was the beginning of the organization of the present Negro Mount Carmel Church which later became a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion Conference.

Joint Parsonage Sold

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Lancaster Circuit was held on May 16, 1867 in the Lancaster Methodist Church. The trustees reported that, in accordance with previous instructions, the parsonage in Lancaster had been sold for the sum of \$600. Again they were disappointed. The highest bid was the \$210 offered by Andrew Mayer who bought it in trust for Catherine Billings, his granddaughter. The deed states that it was the same property the trustees had bought in 1855. The war had left its mark. Trustees who signed the deed in 1869 were C. A. Plyler, A. Mayer, D. W. Brown, L. M. Cauthen, and Jones Crockett. The Minutes for May 22, 1869 show that J. M. Ingram had held a mortgage of \$90 on the property since 1856. This debt was paid from the proceeds of the final sale.

Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, Becomes A Station

In spite of financial difficulties the Lancaster Methodist Church attained the realization of a dream in 1868. The little church was at last made a station and was assigned a minister all its own. Thirty-five years had proved that Methodists in Lancaster were one of the town's leading religious groups.

In 1870 when all North Carolina churches were transferred to the North Carolina Conference the South Carolina Conference was reorganized with the following eight districts within its limits: Charleston, Columbia, Marion, Greenville, Bamberg, Sumter, Spartanburg and Cokesbury. Lancaster was put in the Sumter District of which the Reverend W. H. Flemming was the Presiding Elder. 34

^{34.} Minutes Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church, South.



DAVID J. CARTER 1838-1889

He was a steward as early as 1867; trustee many years; lot on which the church now stands was Carter property; a page was inscribed to the memory of D. J. Carter in the local Church Conference Minutes.



THOMAS S. RIDDLE

He was a member of the Lancaster Church Board of Stewards as early as 1865, the oldest official roll available; was a licensed local preacher.



Sunday School Superintendent, Lancaster Methodist Church, South from 1868 through 1889; he was also chairman the second church building committee, 1888.





In 1871 the Lancaster Methodist Church had a membership of 66. Of these 20 were males and 46 females. During the ministry of the Reverend J. R. Little, the membership increased so much that by June of 1872 there were 89 members. Of that number 25 were subscribers to The Methodist Advocate. The Reverend Mr. Little left Lancaster at the close of 1873. He expressed regret over being moved and praised the church for the excellent cooperation given him during his ministry.

Mr. Little's successor, the Reverend R. L. Harper, was an Englishman. Apparently he was not the recipient of the enthusiastic support given the Reverend Mr. Little. Mr. Harper complained of turmoil and strife within the church, a subject on which he commented rather freely during his two years in Lancaster. In his last Quarterly Conference report he commented that "there is still a want of harmony and love among some of our members with little prospect for a change for the better. After exhausting all the means at his command to bring about a reconciliation the pastor can but commend them to the mercy of God."

The Reverend Mr. Harper's successor, the Reverend W. A. Rogers, noted in his first report that "There is not that life and power of Godliness and true piety among us there should be and must be if we would see the church gloriously advancing. Family religion is sadly neglected." In 1877 Rogers lamented that many of the church members were wholly untaught in the matter of "Church History and Doctrine." An advanced class was organized to remedy this lack of knowledge. Rogers closed his Lancaster ministry in 1877 with the declaration that "between myself and the people there still exists the kindest feeling and in closing the ministry we would with all measure say 'May God help them.'"

Judging from the Minutes of 1878 that year seems to have been about like the preceding years. One expenditure denotes progress. A \$10.85 payment was made on an organ. Tradition says that Mrs. Charles T. Connors was organist. Mrs. Connors, an Episcopalian, helped to organize the Episcopal Church in Lancaster in 1882.

Lancaster Methodist Church Returned to a Circuit, 1879-1881

With no indication whatever in the Minutes that there was to be a change in the status of the Lancaster Church, the Minutes show that by the First Quarterly Conference in 1879, after eleven years as a station, the Lancaster Methodist Church was put back on the Lancaster Circuit. Other churches on the circuit were Camp Creek, Mount Carmel and Bethel (now called Saint Luke). No explanation was offered for the return to circuit status. The

Minutes for 1880-1881 are missing; therefore a gap is left in this period of the church's history.

Lancaster Methodist Church A Station

Continuously Since 1882

In 1882 Lancaster Methodist Church became a station again and has been a station continuously since that time. In 1883 Chester District was set up and the Lancaster Methodist Church became a part of that District. There it remained till it became a part of Rock Hill District when it was organized in 1896. 35 Lancaster is still (1961) a part of Rock Hill District.

In 1878 the membership of the Lancaster church was 248 as shown by the church register. A revision of the roll in 1883

showed an actual membership of only 115.

The Reverend A. H. Lester was assigned to the Lancaster charge in 1883. The pastor's salary was \$700; the envelope system was adopted that year for the first time. The church supported the Wofford Endowment Fund and the following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions: Mrs. W. D. Lemmond, Misses Josie Crowell and Annie Caston.

Lancaster Methodists felt very close to Wofford College. The wife of Wofford's president, Dr. James H. Carlisle, was a sister to Mrs. Sarah Boyce Caston, widow of Wilks Thurlow Caston, Lancaster lawyer. In 1881 Robert Thurlow Caston, son of Wilks Thurlow and Sarah Boyce Caston, graduated from Wofford. He practiced law in Lancaster and Camden. He was a member of the Lancaster Methodist Church till he changed residence to Cheraw, South Carolina. In 1889 he was made president of the Bank of Cheraw. He is buried in Cheraw. At his death he left the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Wofford Endowment Fund. 38

Some Church Problems

A revised church roll of the Lancaster Methodist in 1886 placed the membership at 97. The 1887 church budget was \$992.20.

^{35.} Ibidem; also Betts, History, page 335.

^{36.} O'Neal, John, <u>Bench</u> and <u>Bar</u> in <u>South Carolina</u>, Charleston, Courtney. 1859. Vol. II, pages 587-588.

^{37.} Hemphill, J. C., Men of Mark in South Carolina, Men of Mark Publishing Company. 1909. Vol. II, pages 67 ff.

^{38.} Wofford College Records.

Included in this amount were the following items: pastor's salary, assessments for the salaries of the presiding elder and the bishop, conference claims, foreign missions, domestic missions, church extension, minutes and educational work.

The following excerpts are taken from the report made to the First Quarterly Conference in 1887 by the pastor, the Reverend

A. J. Stafford:

"Strong drink is the great besetting sin of some and even of the official members of the church."

"The obligation to give for the support. . . of the church is utterly ignored by quite a number of our people."

"Parental influence in some homes is well nigh a dead

letter."

"An excessive devotion to frivolity and worldly endearments. . . is lowering the standards. . . and doing great damage to the spiritual life of the church."

Methodist Parsonage Erected on Chesterfield Road

On May 13, 1880 N. G. B. Chafee, for a nominal sum of \$3, deeded a lot on Chesterfield Road just outside the town limits to the trustees of the Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church, South, said trustees being H. D. Twitty, Charles T. Connors and William D. Lemmond. The lot was given with the stipulation that it be maintained and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Lancaster. The lot lay east and adjoining the lot whereon Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hubbard now reside (1961). 40

In December, 1883 Alexander Carter, a member of the Lancaster Methodist Church, deeded a lot to the Methodist trustees, said trustees being W. D. Lemmond, H. D. Twitty, J. J. Graham, James F. Hunter, R. E. Allison, Andrew Mayer, A. H. Perkins and W. S. Crowell. The lot lay immediately west of the Methodist Church which at that time stood on the 1960 Buick building location. It was bound on the north by a lot owned by Alexander Carter whereon A. H. Perkins was living, bound on the south by the jail property, fronted on French Street and was bound on the east by the church property. ⁴¹ It was the same lot recently purchased by the

41. Lancaster County Old Deeds, Book D, page 225.

^{39.} Lancaster Co. Old Deeds, Book C&E, page 7.

Lancaster Co. Old Deeds, Book O, page 480; Lan. Co. Deeds, Book C, pages 101-102, Lan. Co. Deeds, Book K, page 226.

Lancaster Methodists from R. B. Robinson.

The Chafees, at the time Mr. Chafee donated the lot on Chesterfield Road, were living in the house directly in front of the church, now known as the City Hall. Chafee gave the Presbyterians a lot on Chesterfield adjoining the Methodist lot. He also donated the land on South Main Street on which the Christ Episcopal Church was originally erected. Mrs. Chafee helped to organize the Christ Church whose first building was completed in 1882. She was still an active member of that church when she left Lancaster in 1897 with her husband. Mrs. Chafee, the former Rosa Gregg, was the daughter of William Gregg, outstanding industrial and textile leader of South Carolina. While Mr. and Mrs. Chafee were never associated with the Methodist Church in Lancaster as members they did attend its services and took part in its activities until the Episcopal church was organized.

There is no record of just when the parsonage was erected on the Chesterfield Road lot. However on September 18, 1887 the church trustees reported that they had sold the Alexander Carter lot for \$200. Lancaster Methodists bought this property back in 1960 at a cost of \$16,000. At the September meeting in 1887 the trustees reported that the Lancaster Methodist Church then owned "a very neat parsonage with a large and commodious lot attached, estimated, all told to be worth twelve hundred dollars. The Parsonage is new and in good condition with a well of water and other conveniences."

With the new parsonage completed on Chesterfield Road the members began to talk of a new church. The entire church was making progress, the Sunday School was well attended and the Woman's Missionary Society was in good working order.

Lancaster Methodist Sunday School

The oldest existing Lancaster Circuit Quarterly Conference Minutes, dated February 4, 1865, state that the Lancaster Methodist Church had a Sunday School and that it was in a prosperous condition. As early as 1838 reports from the Lancaster Circuit record Sunday Schools and since the Lancaster Church was on the charge it is taken for granted that one of the Sunday Schools was in the village.

Betts tells us that the South Carolina Conference "seems to have been the first in Methodism to urge the organization of Sunday Schools in our local churches (1790), yet the two main hindrances were (1) the lack of suitable literature to guide teachers and pupils, and (2) the lack of reliable and competent teachers working on a voluntary basis without compensation."

He continues "Bishop William Capers, while missionary secretary, produced a catechism to aid in the instruction of colored children, but it met with such a universal need that it was long

used among our Sunday Schools for white and black. Dr. Thomas O. Summers, while associated with the Southern Christian Advocate in Charleston, also became Sunday School editor for the Southern Methodist Church, our first one. He published the Sunday School Advocate in Charleston in 1851, which was afterwards changed to The Visitor. In 1858 Dr. Charles Taylor of our Conference (then returned from the China Mission) was elected Sunday School secretary for the entire Church, serving until the war disrupted most of our general work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"After the disasterous Confederate War the 1866 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South drew the Sunday School movement into closer organic relationship to the program of the Church by setting up a Sunday School Board, and providing for Conference Boards. A special Sunday School committee at our 1867 Conference (consisting of Rev. W. T. Capers, D. J. Simmons, A. J. Cauthen, J. L. McDowell and E. T. McSwain) brought in a very constructive report which revealed that in 396 schools we then had only 2,411 teachers and officers with 17,139 pupils. They urged organizing schools at every church and that circuits should hold an annual South Carolina celebration or festival."⁴³

The Conference accepted the recommendation and the first Sunday School Board for the South Carolina Conference in 1867 was composed of W. T. Capers, A. H. Lester, J. M. Carlisle, Robert Moorman, A. J. Stafford, O. A. Darby, William Martin, William P. Mouzon, W. A. Gamewell, J. B. Humbert, T. A. Boone, G. F. Round, W. W. Mood, T. J. Clyde and Thomas Raysor.

The Lancaster Methodist Sunday School was one of the 396 Methodist Schools in South Carolina in 1866. In June of that year the Reverend J. W. Crider, pastor of the Lancaster Circuit, made the following Sunday School report at the Third Quarterly Conference:

We beg leave to report only one Sabbath School in successful operation on the Lancaster Circuit. This School is located in the Lancaster Village. The School has been regularly opened 23 Sabbaths the present year. We have upon the roll the names of 10 teachers and 50 scholars. The number of teachers and scholars has been somewhat increased the present year, and yet we feel our increase has not been as great as it might have been. The cheerful and continued cooperation of parents is indispensable to the successful continuance of Sabbath Schools.

^{42.} Betts, History S.C. Meth., page 407.

^{43.} Ibidem, page 408.

^{44.} Ibidem.

We regret we cannot report a larger number of accessions to the Church from the Sabbath School. We would recommend that officers and teachers give more earnest diligent attention to this matter. First, in ascertaining if there are not members of their class sufficiently old to join the church; second, by impressing their pupils with their duty in this respect giving them such advice & instruction as they deem necessary.

At the next Quarterly Conference the report shows that the Lancaster Methodist Sunday School had a library of 100 volumes which by 1868 had increased to 300.

In 1867 attendance jumped to 90 during the summer months only to drop back to 50 during the winter. Pride was expressed that the school was being operated both summer and winter that year.

During the pastorate of the Reverend Mr. Little the Sunday School attendance reached a new high of 120 in 1871. Fifty copies of The Visitor were being distributed and used. During the latter part of 1871 the Uniform Lessons were adopted and soon became popular. Even the Reverend R. L. Harper reported the Sunday School in a flourishing condition along with his complaints of discord in other departments of the church.

In 1876 a class of middle-aged men was organized with the pastor, the Reverend W. A. Rogers, teacher. Enthusiastically the Reverend Mr. Rogers reported to the Quarterly Conference on March 31, 1877 that:

Our S.S. is one that never dies consequently it needs no resurrection. Of course in some cases winter keeps a scholar away but the rule is constant attendance The vitalizing power of the S.S. is in a very great degree in the possession of officers and teachers.

In 1887 J. W. Twitty who had served as Sunday School superintendent for many years made a rather discouraging report:

Bro. J. W. Twitty, Supt. Sunday School, read as his report the report of John Graham and E. A. Carter of the Sunday School in this church July, 1866, 21 years ago. This report says that the school then numbered ten (10) officers and teachers and fifty two children—that report has not materially changed in all these years.

However the Reverend A. J. Stafford had reported the month

before on June 25, 1887 that:

We regard the Sunday School on the whole as the most prosperous department of our church work. Children's Day was appropriately observed and was a pleasant occasion. The attendance is about the same as heretofore. The school has sustained a heavy loss in the recent death of Miss Ella Twitty an accomplished organist and an earnest teacher. May the Lord raise up a successor.

Earlier in the year the Reverend Mr. Stafford commented that the excellent singing in the Sunday School was one of its best features. Miss Twitty, the organist whose death the pastor deplored, was the daughter of John W. Twitty, superintendent of the Lancaster Methodist Sunday School for over twenty years. Twitty, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Baskin Twitty, was reared in the Fork Hill community. He was a descendant of Andrew Baskin, early Lancaster County justice. He married Sarah Ivy, daughter of the Reverend Adam Ivy of Lancaster County. Mrs. John H. Poag of Lancaster is a granddaughter of John W. Twitty.

The Woman's Missionary Society

The history of the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will be discussed in a later chapter. Suffice it here to say that on July 30, 1881 the Lancaster pastor reported an active Woman's Missionary Society in the church. 45

Death Takes Leader

On May 22, 1875 the Reverend R. L. Harper, pastor of the Lancaster Methodist Church reported:

We have to mourn the death of one of our prominent members, W. M. Connors. He was for years an officer of the church and when his health was good discharged his duties with all diligence and success. His death was sudden but it is our hope that he died in the Lord.

^{45.} Wadesboro (Sumter) District Minutes, pages 288-289, S.C. Meth. Archives, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

His bereaved family have our sympathy and prayers.

Like John W. Twitty, William McConnico Connors in his youth had attended the Fork Hill Baptist Church where his father was a member. He was reared in the section of the county now known as Flint Ridge. 46 Methodist District Minutes show that he often served as recording secretary at the meetings. He married Miss Elizabeth Charles Hammond, daughter of Phillip T. Hammond, Esquire, of Lancaster County. He was a lawyer and was second editor of the Lancaster Ledger.

Lancaster Methodist Church "Old and Unsightly"

The little church building which in 1834 had been described as a "comfortable place of worship" had become delapidated by 1887. On September 16, 1887 the church trustees reported to the Church Quarterly Conference that:

. . . the church is old and somewhat unsightly, the roof is very defective from decay. The church has a very neat parsonage with a large and commodious lot attached . . . The Trustees, in view of the increasing delapidation of the old church and the manifest desire of the membership of the church, have contracted with D. J. Carter, Thurlow S. Carter and D. J. Carter, Jr., for the purchase of a lot on which to build a new church in the town of Lancaster on the corner of Catawba and Meeting, measuring 70 feet on each street . . . opposite the residence of N. G. B. Chafee. They have contracted to exchange with said parties the old church and lot consisting of a half acre more or less for the seventy foot square lot described above and one hundred dollars.

(Note: There was an error made in the names of the streets. The record should read "Catawba and Gay Streets.")

"The title," continued the report, "to this contemplated Lot is now vested in the heirs of Mrs. Lou F. Carter, deceased, and a majority of the heirs of the said deceased are minors yet. To make the Title good when the purchase is complete the Trustees

^{46.} Floyd, Viola C., <u>Lancaster</u> <u>County</u> <u>Tours</u>, Lan. Co. Historical Commission, Lancaster, <u>S. C.</u> 1956, pages 21, 32, 87.

will apply to the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County to confirm the contract."

The Quarterly Conference officials approved the exchange of property and thus Lancaster Methodist acquired the lot on the corner of Catawba and Gay where the church now stands.

Upon completing the transaction the officials lost no time. Two days later, on Sunday morning, September 18, 1887 John W. Twitty, chairman of the Building Committee, reported to a church conference that the ground had already been broken for the new church. The contract was let to James Manes. Other members of the Building Committee were O. P. Heath, R. E. Allison, W. D. Lemmond and B. F. Miller. With pride the congregation watched the new church walls rise. After more than a half century in the first building they were ready for better things.

The Reverend A. J. Stafford, pastor, was given enthusiastic endorsement and was returned to Lancaster for the third year.

CHAPTER III

SECOND BUILDING USHERS IN TWO DECADES OF

PROGRESS

New Church Completed and Dedicated

On March 18, 1888 J. W. Twitty, chairman of the Building Committee, reported that the new church would be completed by June. The contractor, James Manes, kept his promise and on June 15, 1888 the Third Quarterly Conference convened in the new brick building on the corner of Gay and Catawba Streets. The church had been completed at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

In recalling the pride and joy the Lancaster Methodists experienced in the completion of their handsome church the late W. Perry Bennett wrote:

On the day that the scaffold was being torn away from the newly completed brick church I was standing in my store door when I heard a train whistle blow. It was the first train to reach Lancaster from Camden on the new railroad. I said to myself I would always remember those two events of that day.

Those who remember this church say the vestibule could be entered from either Catawba or Gay streets. Inside the vestibule the right hand door led directly into the sanctuary where there were two rows of pews facing the altar. The left hand door opened into the Sunday School room which could be separated from the sanctuary by a roll-up door. The altar was in the west end of the building. The church was formally dedicated on Sunday, October 7, 1888 by Bishop Wallace Duncan.

At the close of 1888 the Lancaster Methodist pastor, the

^{1.} The Southern Christian Advocate, Oct. 18, 1888; South Caroliniana Library, Univ. of S. C., Columbia, S. C.

Reverend A. J. Stafford, was replaced by the Reverend P. F. Kilgo. At the Second Quarterly Conference on March 2, 1889 the Reverend Mr. Kilgo reported:

Physically our church during the winter has not been in a state of warmth; the furnace however is now in working order and we are looking for the outer man as well as the inner man to be warmed up.

Outlook Good

The turbulent days of the Reconstruction period which followed the war were now drawing to a close. The outlook in 1890 was good. The 1890's were the days of Gibson girl styles, the days of church benefit suppers, picnics and musicales. Annual Children's Day was a big Sunday School event. Prosperity was beginning to return to the South. During the Reverend Mr.Kilgo's last year of Lancaster ministry in 1890 the Methodist Church was assessed a total of \$964.50 for all purposes. The sum of \$1,182.70 was proudly reported as having been collected.

In 1895 the South Carolina Annual Conference made provision for Rock Hill District to be set up in 1896. Lancaster Methodist Church was placed in the new district and has been there ever

In 1896 the Springs Cotton Mill began operation in Lancaster. A number of new houses were erected for the use of the mill employees. Lancaster Methodists, under the direction of their pastor, the Reverend S. A. Weber, began making calls on the newcomers. In the summer of 1897 the church sponsored a series of protracted meetings in the interest of the mill workers.

Plans to Sell Parsonage Thwarted by Fire

The parsonage which had been erected in 1886 on the Chesterfield Road lot donated by N. G. B. Chafee proved to be too far from the church. On January 15, 1892 the church trustees reported that the parsonage was "at too great a distance from the Methodist Church and from the members thereof for the convenience of the pastor." They recommended that the parsonage and lot be sold and the proceeds used to purchase another more conveniently

Springs, Elliott White, <u>Clothes Make the Man</u>: J. Little & Ives Co., N. Y. 1848 Edition. Page 10

located. They had already sold the Carter lot.

Conference authorized them to offer the parsonage property for sale. Before the transaction could be completed with Thomas M. Fitzpatrick who proposed to buy the house and lot the parsonage was destroyed by fire in the early spring of 1893. The lot was sold for \$160 on July 15, 1893 to Fitzpatrick and Brother.

New Parsonage Erected

After selling the Chesterfield Road lot the Methodists purchased the lot on Gay Street adjoining the church property. Payment was completed in about three years and on March 31, 1896 the deed from Helen Carter to the Methodist trustees, James M. Riddle, and R. E. Allison was recorded. 4 The lot was 62 x 132 feet.

On June 22,1893 the Parsonage Building Committee was recorded in the Minutes as follows: J. M. Heath, J. M. Riddle, J. F. Hunter, J. B. Howie, J. E. Stewman, and W. D. Lemmond. However the committee had already been at work. On May 24, 1893 $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Lancaster}}$ $\underline{\text{Enterprise}}$ reported:

Mr. J. B. Horn, the contractor, has begun work on the new Methodist parsonage. The building will stand on the same lot as the church building and will front on Gay street. It will be two stories with eight rooms.

The house was completed that summer. On September 20, 1893

The Lancaster Enterprise again reported:

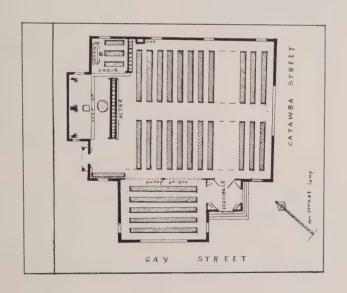
Last spring soon after the M. E. Parsonage here burned it was noticed that the pastor of the church, the Rev. E. G. Price, was in frequent communion with his members and soon it was noised that the building of a parsonage was in contemplation. On account of its inconvenient location, the old site was sold and a new one bought near their church. Before the public knew it the lumber was piled upon the selected site and the music of saw and hammer rang out upon the early morning breeze. The building is now completed, painting and all, and through the kindness of the pastor we had the pleasure recently of going

^{3.} Lancaster County Deeds, Book K, page 226.

^{4.} Lancaster County Deeds, Book I, page 297.



SECOND BUILDING LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ERECTED 1888.



FLOOR PLAN SECOND CHURCH BUILDING 1888 - 1908





WEDDING IN SECOND CHURCH BUILDING

On November 5, 1902 Miss Addie Carter, daughter of David J. Carter and his wife, the former Miss Louisa E. Riddle, was married to Mr. James T. Thomasson of Rock Hill in the Lancaster Methodist Dhurch erected in 1888. Mrs. Thomasson, while not the oldest member of the church in years has been a member of the church longer than any other member at the present date, 1961, and has never been a member of any other church.

through it. It has eight good sized rooms with convenient closets to each and with pantry adjacent to the culinary department.

The prettiest and most luxurious feature of the building however is its spacious piazza which extends three entire sides on the building on the first floor. The rear of the premises is fenced and neatly paled in and what was a vacant lot a little while ago is now a pretty, conveniently arranged and luxurious home and is a monument to the push and pluck of this church and of the leadership, as chairman of the Building Committee, J. M. Heath.

Sunday School, 1886-1908

Even while the Lancaster Methodists were busy with the construction of their church in 1887 and 1888 they sponsored a Sunday School at the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In 1896 they sponsored another which met at the Stevens Mill Crossroads about six miles southeast of town. J. J. Graham served as superintendent of the school which had an enrollment of

25 pupils and four teachers.

At the close of 1889, M. F. Jones, superintendent of the Lancaster Methodist Sunday School, and J. W. Twitty, assistant, reported a total enrollment of 136 in the Lancaster Sunday School. Subscriptions to Sunday School publications and books on hand were listed as follows:

60 ---- S.S. Visitor

60 ----- Senior Quarterlies

30 ----- Little People

30 ---- Illustrated Lesson Leaf 50 ---- Intermediate Ouarterlies

141 ----- New library books

Children's Day, a prominent feature of the 1890 Sunday Schools, was a big annual event in the Lancaster Methodist Church. On May 27, 1891, The Lancaster Enterprise carried the following news item:

Children's Day was celebrated at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon with very pretty and appropriate ceremonies and was much enjoyed by all who attended. The programme was interesting and varied consisting of anthems by the choir, readings and responses by the Superintendent and school, singing, prayer, recitations, Bible reading

by the pastor, remarks by the pastor and collection. The principal feature of the occasion was the novel, unique and entertaining address by Rev. E. O. Watson of Rock Hill whose subject was "A Blackened Bottle of Ink."

Lancaster residents took active part in the Lancaster Interdenominational Sabbath School Association. Major B. F. Miller represented the Lancaster Methodist Sunday School at the third annual convention of the Association which met in the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Heath Springs on September 3, 1891.

Joint Sunday School picnics were favorite pasttimes. The Rives Spring, on the south side of the property now owned by Mrs. W. F. Ballard on Chesterfield Avenue was a popular picnic ground. On May 27, 1892 a joint picnic was held by the Lancaster churches one mile east of town at the "Lathan place." A committee arranged with the H. J. Gregory & Company to furnish transportation. All those wishing to attend were directed to gather at the Methodist Church by eight o'clock on the morning of the appointed day, or every half hour thereafter till ten o'clock. The crowds were carried by wagon, buggy and surry.

Sunday School superintendents who served Lancaster Methodists from 1889 through 1908 were: M. F. Jones, B. F. Miller,

J. L. Mann, J. E. Stewman and R. E. Allison.

The Epworth League

On January 15, 1892 the Reverend E. G. Price reported that steps had been taken to organize an Epworth League. The next pastor, the Reverend J. M. Steadman, made a point of reporting on October 19, 1894 that the church had no Epworth League. He made the same assertion again on April 5, 1895.

On June 28, 1895 the Reverend Mr. Steadman reported with great satisfaction that an Epworth League had been organized with 23 enthusiastic members. In 1896 and 1898 the Lancaster League was referred to as the "Duncan Epworth League," named apparently in compliment to Bishop W. W. Duncan who dedicated the church in 1888.

Efforts were made to interest the members by providing a bit of social life. In 1896 the pastor reported that a reception had been given for the members of the Epworth League. "In this way," he said, "we hope to interest and improve our young people." Spiritual and mental improvement were sought through the use of the program material in the Epworth Era.

A junior Epworth League was organized in 1897 with Miss

Maria Mayer as leader.

The Epworth League continued as an organization through the years -- sometimes more, sometimes less active. Much seems to

have depended on the amount of interest each pastor took in this phase of his ministry.

State of The Church in 1907

At the conclusion of 1907 Lancaster First Methodist Episcopal Church, South made the following report: members, 169; adults baptized, 1; infants baptized, 8; houses of worship, 1; value, \$3,500; indebtedness, none; expended on church and parsonage, \$225; total of \$1,763.71 for all purposes.

The church and parsonage were both practically new. The congregation, free of debt, was well pleased with itself. No one foresaw the shock in store for Lancaster Methodists.

Church Destroyed by Fire

On the night of February 22, 1908 the Lancaster Methodist Church building was burned in the fire that destroyed the Hood-Gregory Livery Stables on the opposite corner. The fire which started in the stables swept out of control in a time when there was no adequate fire department in Lancaster. The shrieks of the eight horses, burned to death in the stables, added to the confusion and terror of the scene. The church, caught in the arms of flames tossed high in tempestuous March-like winds, was a total loss. Only heroic work saved the parsonage. Much credit was given Mr. George Payseur who is said to have led the effort which saved it.

At the Quarterly Conference which met on March 23, 1908 the pastor, Reverend W. A. Fairy reported:

> The loss of our church by fire was a severe blow to us and for a time we were staggered by the blow but a loyal and devoted people soon recovered from the shock and it was unanimously decided to rebuild a handsome church to replace the old.

Other denominations generously offered the use of their churches but the Methodists decided to hold their services in the court house. Thus they worshipped again in the place where their church was organized in 1833. Attendance on services in the court house was good but conditions were far from ideal. The late W. P. Bennett once wrote for The Lancaster News as follows:

> During the interval between the fire and the completion of our (new) church building

services were held in the Court House. The discomfort and inconvenience of holding services there spurred us on to determined efforts to build adequately and well. Foremost in my memory is the very unsanitary state of the floor with jute bagging over it. It was a very poor substitute for a carpet, but a splendid absorbent for expectorated Brown Mule tobacco juice.

Through the influence of one small boy the fund for the new building got a good start. T. Carter Thomasson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thomasson, stood with the crowd that night in 1908 and watched his church burn. Hearing the talk about him of rebuilding he thought of the dime in his pocket - his sole fortune. Approaching a church official and choking back his tears he asked that his dime be used to help build a new church. The incident was told - Lancaster Methodists opened their purses and soon a substantial fund had been collected.

CHAPTER IV

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS WITHIN ITS HALLOWED WALLS

Building for The Glory of God

Lancaster Methodists proceeded with the task of erecting their new church with the determination that it should be a building they would be proud to dedicate to the glory of God. With a faith that surmounted all obstacles they set about to make their dream become a reality.

The first step toward the realization of that dream came with the acquisition of additional property On September 21, 1908 they purchased 63 feet fronting on Catawba Street. It extended westward along the north side of the church property line. The deed was recorded April 27,1909 in the name of the following trustees: T. S. Carter, J. M. Riddle, J. E. Stewman, W. P. Bennett, J. C. Edwards, J. H. Carnes, W. D. Lemmond, A. B. Ferguson, Sr., and E. C. Allison.

The following Building Committee was appointed: J. M. Riddle, A. B. Ferguson, Sr., L. C. Lazenby, T. S. Carter, and C. B. Skipper. The committee employed Architect J. M. McMichael of Charlotte to draw the plans which were approved by the congregation. The contract was let to J. L. Glenn of Gastonia.

Within less than seven months after the church burned the ground was cleared of all rubbish. On a September morning, 1908-just twenty-one years to the month from the time the first shovel of earth was lifted for the erection of the first church on the corner of Gay and Catawba Streets - members of the congregation met to re-enact the same scene on the same spot. They were ready to begin construction on their second brick church which was the third house of worship erected by Lancaster Methodists.

The work moved along rapidly. At a church conference on February 1, 1901 the new pastor, the Reverend M. M. Brabham, in speaking of the difficulties of worshipping in the court house said:

^{1.} Lancaster County Deeds, Book Q, page 633.

The conditions under which we now worship are not the best but we hope within a few weeks we shall have the handsome and commodious new church ready for use.

At the same time he reported that the nearly completed church would be valued at \$10,000. Of that amount \$7,000 had al-

ready been paid.

The installation of a pipe organ was a source of pride. On April 5, 1909 a committee was appointed to secure an organist. That committee was made up of J. M. Riddle, E. C. Allison and L. C. Lazenby. The first organist was a Mr. Cline - Professor Cline as he was called. Others who played the organ were Miss Etta Skipper (who followed Mr. Cline); Miss Mae Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, Sr.; Miss Ruth Riddle (Mrs. E. C. Wilson), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Riddle; Mrs.Robert A. Billings (Mrs. D. L. Robinson). (For futher information on organists and the choir see Chapter VI.)

While the new church was being erected the Methodists installed running water in the parsonage. The pastor found this "a very great convenience and comfort." It was not till several years later that the sewage was added when the town put in sew-

age.

On May 9, 1909, the second Sunday in the month, the Methodist congregation held its first service in the new church. The architect who designed the building appreciated the beauty of Christian symbolism. Designed at a time when such symbols were not used as frequently by Protestants as today the new church was a forerunner in the trend toward the use of more symbolism. The use of the Biblical seven, the butterfly seating arrangement, the altar facing the rising sun and the lovely art glass windows, each bearing such symbols as the cross, the open Bible and a sheaf of wheat, were all conducive of worship at its best. Descriptions are inadequate but those who worshipped in this church have only to close their eyes to recall a beauty that "flashes upon the inward eye, which is the bliss of solitude."

The Reverend M. M. Brabham, pastor of the new church de-

scribed it thus:

The building at the corner of Gay and Catawba Streets occupies all the site of the former church and an adjacent plot nearly as large. It is a strikingly handsome and imposing structure of the Gothic style of architecture, the stately walls and towers being of pressed brick and the roof of slate.

There are four entrances, two into the ante chamber directly at the corner of Gay and Catawba Streets, one into the vestibule on the side next to Gay Street and another

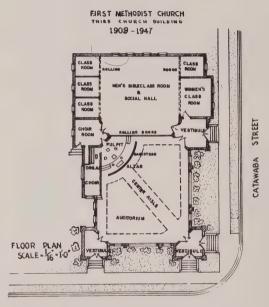


THIRD
CHURCH
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INTERIOR THIRD CHURCH April 9; 1939 Easter Cantata

Left to right, front row: Mrs. L. K. Bundy, Mrs. Ross Carnes, Miss Mildred Billings, Mrs. George Huntley, Miss Gladys Sanders, Miss Imogene Harris, Mrs. Radford Ellis, Mrs. A. D. Parr, Mrs. Lily McManus McKinney. Second row, 1 to 4: Newton Blanks, C. P. Caskey, F. C. Funderburk, David Hardin, Miss Helen Robinson, organist and choir director, George Mitchell Rufus E. Thompson, John Blanks and John H. Poag.



WEST GAY STREET

THIRD CHURCH BUILDING FLOOR PLAN

1909-1957

Courtesy Mr. Charles F. Marshall who was advised by E. L. Scruggs and others who remembered the old floor plan as reproduced here from memory.

into a similar vestibule on Catawba Street. The doors are of heavy oak, the upper portion of the interior doors being of plate glass. The windows are of beautiful and costly art glass. The dimensions of the main auditorium are 48 x 48 feet, and the seats are arranged in a semi-circle. The ceiling is of light oak, stained and varnished, and consists of seven half octagons, several half diamonds and seven squares. The seats are also of light oak. An aisle extends all the way around the auditorium, and there is a spacious aisle in the center. The floor is covered with a lovely velvet carpet furnished by the ladies of the congregation. The pulpit faces the center aisle and in rear of the pulpit is a cozy pastor's study. The accoustics of the building appear to be well nigh perfect.

The seating capacity of the main auditorium is about 400, while that of the entire building, including the Sunday School room and

the class rooms is about 700.

The Sunday School room is 36 x 36. There are five class rooms, three on the west side of the building and two on the east. These rooms are 9 x 11 each, except the infant classroom which is 17×14 . The latter may be entered from the Catawba Street vestibule without going into the Sunday School room. The main vestibule is 12×14 and the two others 12×12 each.

There is a large commodious basement cellar, and the building will be equipped with modern heating and lighting plants. It is one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged church edifices in the Rock Hill District. Mr. J. M. McMichael of Charlotte was the architect and Mr. J. L. Glenn of Gastonia, N. C. the builder.

Former Member Sends Congratulations

In his latter years Mr. John W. Twitty spent his time with two daughters, one in Tampa, Florida and one in Valdosta, Georgia.

^{2.} The Lancaster News, June 12, 1909.

When the picture of the new Lancaster Methodist Church appeared in the <u>South Carolina Advocate</u>, he wrote a letter to <u>The Lancaster News from which the following excerpt is taken:</u>

A late Advocate (S. C.) publishes a picture of the new M. E. Church, its pastor and the building committee in your city. I am for one, proud and delighted at the success of the enterprise. They command our admiration, may they all be well paid in spiritual good and may

no fires put them in such a fix again.

I like the plan of the building, if I understand it from the picture. The parson is fine looking (I say it in his absence) and the boys (building committee) are holding their own. The Major looks very natural, but Thurlow looks as if he is overworked. It may be the effect of trout hunting down Cane Creek. Touching our brother, Lazenby, I would say the same as I did about the parson, if his wife, my old friend's daughter, will stop her ears. Brother Skipper is a stranger to me but I know he can be depended on, else he would not hold the position he does. Ed Allison is a good fellow but somehow he does not impress himself upon the fair sex. However we will hear from him later. He is good stock and can be counted on. Brother Ferguson is the right man in the right place. When you want work done, harness him up and he will do his share. . . . By the way, somebody deserves credit for that fine \$600 carpet in the church. I guess it is the ladies and let me tell you they have done we11.

Yours truly, J. W. Twitty Tampa, Florida June 5, 1909.

War Years and Indebtedness

With over \$6,000 indebtedness on their new church the Lancaster First Methodist congregation of 180 members faced the future confidently. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference held in October, 1910, Thurlow S. Carter, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made the following report:



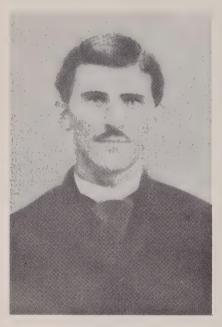
THURLOW S. CARTER

Son of D. J. Carter, served as steward, trustee and member of the Third Church Building Committee, 1909.



C. B. SKIPPER

Member the Third Church Building Committee, Lancaster First Methodist Church, 1909



A. B. FERGUSON, SR.

Steward and member of the Building Committee for the Church erected 1909.

J. M. HOOD

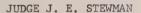
Steward 1892-1896, 1924 Served as chairman the Board many years, succeeding Major Riddle; Trustee 1896-1924.





MAJOR JAMES M. RIDDLE

Steward 1890-1921 Member Third Church Building Committee, 1909



Trustee 1893-1921 S. S. Superintendent 1898, 1908-1909





THE REVEREND L. D. GILLESPIE

Pastor of the 1934 Expansion Program, Lancaster First Methodist
Church



G. T. KING, Teacher Belle Nance Bible Class



CARL G. BENNETT Steward 1929-1931, 1933-1940

Value of church lot & building	\$16,000.00
Value parsonage lot & building	4,000.00
Paid to date on church	10,559.00
Subscriptions not due	2,018.00
Donations from General Board	
not collected	1,000.00

During the years of World War I, the church continued its efforts to reduce the indebtedness. The Woman's Missionary Society, with Mrs, George W. Williams as its president, was declared to be in a flourishing condition. The first indication that the war was beginning to affect the United States by drawing its young people into early employment is noted in the Quarterly Conference report for March 5, 1916. The Epworth League was no longer in operation.

After much effort interest was revived and in April, 1917 - the same month war was declared on Germany - the Reverend D. W. Keller reported that Lancaster Methodist had organized an Epworth League with 38 members. The officers elected were: President, Hacker Billings; Vice-president, Miss Willie Reed; Recording secretary, Miss Guy Skipper; Corresponding secretary, Miss Ivah Nesbit; Treasurer, Jether Faile.

In November of that same year the Reverend Mr. Keller reported that the "Epworth League has lapsed - all workers gone to school or war." Again in January, 1918 he reported, "Epworth League quiet, girls in college, boys in war."

Church Dedicated During War

In January, 1918 the pastor's salary was raised to \$1,200 a year. The church indebtedness was paid off and plans were made for the dedication of the church building by then nearly ten years old. Many benefit church suppers, bazaars, socials, musicales together with great sacrifice on the part of some had brought this about. In preparation for the dedication services the interior of the church was given a fresh coat of paint at a cost of \$63.30.

The dedication services were held on February 24, 1918 while the war was still in progress. Bishop John C. Kilgo preached the dedicatory sermon. According to the church minutes, clippings from the local papers concerning the service were carefully filed in the church records but no clippings can be found.

Church in Need of More Sunday School Room

The church membership was now 218. Again the pastor's

salary was raised - this time to \$2,000. The war ended in November, 1918 and the boys began to return home. A new pastor, the Reverend E. R. Mason, was assigned to the Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The church began to take on new life.

In 1920 the Ed Mason Men's Bible Class was organized and the late Roach S. Stewart was elected its teacher, a position he held in the church for over thirty years. Popular teachers of the Woman's Bible Class of former years were the late G. T. King and Mrs. Nance for whom the Belle Nance Bible Class was named.

Mrs. Nance, eccentric but dearly loved by her colleagues, always refused to accept the custom of the serving of refreshments of any kind within the church. If anything was served at a meeting she was attending she would leave quietly and sit on the church steps till the social period ended, registering thus her protest of "new-fangled ideas."

A new piano was purchased during this period for use in the Sunday School department. Within a year the pastor's salary was raised to \$2,400 and almost immediately raised to \$3,000. The Epworth League was reorganized with a membership of 70. The Sunday School which was well organized included both a cradle roll and a Home Department.

During the Reverend Mr. Mason's four year pastorate a total of 252 new members were received into the church bringing up the membership to 373 in 1923.

Seventh Annual Upper South Carolina Conference

Held in Lancaster, 1921

In 1914 the South Carolina Conference was divided into two conferences, namely the South Carolina Conference and the Upper South Carolina Conference. Lancaster was in the Upper Conference.

The seventh annual meeting of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was held in Lancaster in 1921 during Mr. Mason's pastorate. Bishop Darlington was present and preached at the Sunday morning service to a capacity congregation of worshippers. At that conference the Reverend Mr. Mason was returned to Lancaster for a third year. Under his guidance the church continued to make progress.

Sunday School Building Fund Committee Appointed

In 1922 officers and teachers of the Sunday School, led by E. Clyburn Wilson, superintendent, began to promote the need of an educational building.

The Reverend J. L. Daniel succeeded Mr. Mason as pastor of

the Lancaster church in the fall of 1922. In compliance with popular demand he set up a Building Fund Committee made up of W. P. Bennett, Henry W. Plyler and R. Duncan Rowell. On December 2, 1923 the Reverend Mr. Daniel reported to the Quarterly Conference that the Sunday School was very crowded and that the congregation hoped to add rooms soon.

This dream was slow to materialize. The depression years of the late twenties and early thirties came and still the Methodists struggled with the problem of an overcrowded Sunday School

department.

First Member Lancaster Church to Enter Ministry

On September 24, 1924 the Lancaster First Methodist Church Conference approved a recommendation that A. B. Ferguson, Jr. be licensed to preach. Mr. Ferguson was the first member of the Lancaster Methodist Church to volunteer for ministerial service. (For further information see Chapter VII.)

Superannuate Endowment Fund

Lancaster's first recorded Superannuate Endowment Fund committee was made up in 1924 of the following: D. A. Boyd, H. W. Plyler, Carl G. Bennett, Mrs. R. R. Riddle, T. J. Harper, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, J. R. Threatt, Miss Etta Skipper and J. H. Carnes. Lancaster church was apportioned the sum of \$3,300 to be raised over a period of five years. The money was to be used for the support of superannuated ministers in the conference.

Financial Report for 1924-25

At the Fourth Quarterly Conference held on September 27,1925 J. M. Hood, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave the following report on the finances of the church:

One church, \$171.55 expended, \$30,000 value, \$10,625 ins. One parsonage, \$6,000 value, \$2,800 insurance. Premiums paid \$60.77. Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1924 ----- \$ 151.12

Am't collected Oct., 1924-25 ----- 560.18 \$ 711.30 Am't expended:

Church repairs, sewage	
Insurance	60.77
Light, fuel, janitor, etc	383.54
Total \$ 615.86	
Balance on hand	\$ 95.76

The bill for the sewage was for the rest room installed in the small Sunday School room on the side next Catawba Street. It was an improvement but it cut down on Sunday School room space.

Over and over the refrain found in the reports was "Sunday School doing well under the circumstances. Need more teachers and more room."

Unification Plan Rejected in 1925

A movement for the unification of the northern and southern Methodist churches was rejected by a majority vote of the South Carolina Methodist Conference in 1925. Lancaster First Methodist Church was among those who voted against the unification plan. The Lancaster church passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Annual Conference will be called upon to ratify or reject the Pending Plan for Unification;

And whereas the delegates to the Annual Conference should know the wishes of the membership of our church on this vital question;

Therefore, Be it resolved by this Quarterly Conference that we as loyal members of the M. E. Church, South are first, last and forever against the proposed plan for unification.

Signed:

R. S. Stewart, Chrm.

The Reverend J. W. Kilgo Expresses Appreciation

An old Christmas card found addressed to P. H. Emanuel in 1931 carries the following message: "That you still remember and think of me gladdens my heart. I often think of you and the good help you gave me when your pastor. I wish for you and your family God's richest gifts. Sincerely, Jas. W. Kilgo."

Methodist Rent Additional Sunday School Space

The Reverend Fritz C. Beach came to Lancaster in the fall of 1928. During his ministry the Lancaster Methodist Sunday School continued its upward trend of progress. The various departments were organized according to the General Conference plan. The

lack of space was more apparent than ever.

During the Reverend Mr. Beach's ministry the church rented the second floor rooms of the Gregory building on the northeast corner of Catawba and Gay Streets just across from the church. The newly organized Junior Department, of which Miss Mildred Billings was the first superintendent, was given quarters there. Each Sunday little folk climbed the narrow outside fire escape stairs from Catawba Street to the class rooms which had only temporary screen partitions.

Intermediate Quarters

Originally the Men's class, known as Ed Mason Bible class, met in the Sunday School side. This class was shifted to the main sanctuary to make room for the Intermediates. The large room was divided into sections by iron pipe frame work from which were hung unbleached muslin curtain to afford a pretense of privacy for the classes.

The Intermediates who were assigned these quarters delighted in punching and jabbing at their fellow classmates through the curtains. Sustained attention to what the teacher was trying to

teach was impossible.

Belle Nance Bible Class

The women's Bible Class was named for one of their favorite teachers, Mrs. Belle Nance, daughter of Mrs. Mary Johnson. Mrs. Nance was succeeded as teacher by the late G. T. King, Sr., who soon became equally popular with the class.

Lou Riddle Bible Class Organized

E. C. Wilson, superintendent of the Sunday School, sponsored the organization of a Sunday School class for the young married women of the church. First called Young Ladies Class it was organized in August, 1930 with Mrs. E. P. Plyler as teacher and Mrs. J. P. Horton, president. The class voted within a short time to

call itself the Lou Riddle Bible Class, honoring thus Mrs. R. R. Riddle.

Among others who have taught the class were: Mrs. F. C. Beach, Mrs. L. D. Gillespie, Mrs. A. D. Parr, Sr., Mrs. T. J. Harper, Mrs. James G. Lynn, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon and Mrs. Thomas Kemmerlin.

Korean Missionary Special

During the Reverend Mr. Beach's ministry he reported that "the church continues the support of Mr. Cho Sung Ki, a native Korean Worker." The church contributed an annual sum of \$330 for this Missionary Special.

The Reverend Mr. Gillespie to Lancaster

Because of certain other Conference changes the Reverend Mr. Beach was moved from Lancaster to Chester in June, 1932. He was succeeded in Lancaster by the Reverend L. D. Gillespie who had been the Upper South Carolina Conference Sunday School secretary. It was natural for him to be vitally interested in the Sunday School work. Taking up where the Reverend Mr. Beach left off he continued the campaign for the educational building.

In May, 1938 the Lancaster Methodist learned that the Poag house and lot between the parsonage and county jail on Gay Street were for sale. The house was erected in 1893 at the same time as the parsonage.

A special church conference was called on June 3, 1934 and the following motion was made and accepted:

- (1) That the Lancaster Methodists purchase the Poag house and lot just west of the parsonage at the price of \$4,000 as offered by the owners.
- (2) That the new property be used as the parsonage and the old parsonage used as temporary educational plant.
- (3) That the church discontinue the use of the second floor Gregory rooms across the street as quarters for the Juniors, thereby saving \$10 rent per month.

The Advisory Committee set up to investigate the property was authorized to recommend purchase of the same. Subsequently the Poag house and lot were purchased for the sum of \$4,000.



LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING OCTOBER 25, 1937.



THE REVEREND PINCKNEY L. BAUKNIGHT

Pastor during the 1937 Educational building program; pastor when the historic 1939 Upper South Carolina Conference met in Lancaster.



W. PERRY BENNETT

Steward, 1879-1890, 1908; trustee, 1909-1935. Chairman the Educational Building Committee 1937.

O. RODDEY BELL

Member Lancaster First Methodist Church, delegate to the Historic 1939 General Conference. Also a former teacher of the Ed Mason Bible Class. Steward, 1926-1930, 1932-1941, 1942-1952. Trustee since 1953.



Newly Purchased Parsonage Renovated

A Finance Committee was set up to solicit funds for the purchase and renovation of the Poag house. The Committee, made up of W. P. Bennett, Mrs. E. P. Plyler, George C. Carnes, R. R. Riddle and Miss Etta Skipper began work at once.

The amount of \$703.70 was spent in renovating the house. The greater portion of that was spent in modernizing the kitchen.

As soon as the house was ready the Gillespie family moved into the new place leaving the former parsonage to be used as a temporary educational building according to plan. Without regret the Juniors gave up their second floor Gregory building space and assembled in the former parsonage living room for devotional exercises, still under the direction of Miss Billings. The classes met in the various rooms.

The acquisition of the new property gave impetus to the drive for a new educational building. It was difficult for the members to contribute since they were just recovering from the shock of depression days. In spite of the scarcity of money the fund grew slowly but surely.

After three and a half years in Lancaster the Reverend Mr. Gillespie was succeeded in 1935 by the Reverend P. L. Bauknight. Progress had been made during that three and a half years, the ground work for better things had been laid.

Educational Building Committees

On May 10, 1936 the Reverend Mr. Bauknight reported the appointment of the following Educational Building Plans Committee: Reverend P. L. Bauknight (ex officio); James C. Porter, R. H. Billings, W. P. Bennett, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, J. C. Hubbard, A. D. Parr, O. R. Bell, E. C. Wilson and S. B. Mahaffey. The committee visited a number of towns and cities throughout the state to study existing plants. Advice was sought from E. L. Scruggs and R. L. Harper of Lancaster.

After a year of work the committee submitted a set of plans to the church on April 3, 1937. The plans were approved and accepted but later were rejected because the cost seemed too great. Wessinger and Stork, Architects of Columbia, South Carolina were employed to draw a second set. This Building Committee as named on the corner stone were: W. P. Bennett, O. R. Bell, E. C. Wilson, A. D. Parr, Etta Skipper, E. L. Scruggs, S. B. Mahaffey, J. C. Hubbard and H. W. Plyler.

Work Started on September 9, 1937

On a summer morning in 1937 a group of workmen set about the task of demolishing the former parsonage which had been occupied so proudly in 1893 - just forty years before. The late W. P. Bennett bought the materials and erected a two story apartment house on the east side of North French Street between West Barr and West Meeting Streets.

Once again the Junior Department took up quarters in the second floor Gregory building rooms. This time however there was the definite assurance that it was only a temporary arrangement.

On September 9, 1937 the contract was let to the Rock Hill Lumber Company at a proposed cost of \$23,747. Repairs and remodeling of the Sunday School rooms in the church building brought the final total cost to \$27,000.

The former nursery in the church was changed into a fully equipped electric kitchen. Kitchen cabinets replaced the roll-up door wall which had separated that room from the Sunday School assembly room.

New Educational Building Completed

Actual construction on the new educational building was begun. On October 25, 1937 despite gloomy weather the corner stone was laid with the proper ceremonies. Construction was rapid. Shortly after Christmas it was announced that the educational building would be ready for occupation on Sunday February 13,1938. The new furniture, building and remodeling had cost approximately \$30,000. Many of the rooms were furnished by individuals and families in memory of or in honor of former members or members still active. Those rooms still bearing memorial plaques are: Intermediate Rooms, Lou Elliott Riddle (Mrs. R. R.); Young People's Department, James Carlisle Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Porter; Ladies Parlor, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper.

New Building Opened February 13, 1938

On Sunday morning February 13, 1938 three hundred and thirty-seven Lancaster Methodist - men, women and children - gathered in joyful anticipation in the church sanctuary for a brief opening worship service. The Ed Mason Bible Class was assigned quarters in the old Sunday School assembly room. Other classes and departments were given space in the new Educational building.

Shrubbery Donated by Plylers

After the opening of the Educational building Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Plyler donated shrubbery and paid for having it set around the new building. In 1935 they had financed the landscaping of the church grounds and had donated the shrubbery used in the beautification of the lot. Their additional gift added much to the attractiveness of both buildings.

O. R. Bell, Alternate Delegate to General Conference

The twenty fourth session of the Upper South Carolina Conference met in the First Methodist Church of Laurens. South Carolina on October 27-31, 1938. Opposition to the union of the northern and southern Methodist churches had been overridden at last. At the Laurens meeting delegates were elected to attend the 1939 proposed Conference for the merging of the three branches which planned to unit. O. Roddy Bell of Lancaster, a member of the Lancaster First Methodist Episcopal Church, South was one of the lay alternate delegates elected at the Laurens meeting. Other delegates and alternates were: delegates, Reverend B. R. Turnipseed, Reverend C. E. Peel, Reverend W. B. Garrett (Pastor Lancaster Church 1941-1945), Reverend W. L. Mulliken, Reverend R. F. Morris; alternates, Reverend A. L. Gunter, Reverend F. C. Beach (former Lancaster pastor); lay delegates were J. B. Horton, J. C. Holler, R. E. Rabb, J. C. Hardin, Leroy Moore; lay alternates were, O. R. Bell and H. D. Gray.

Declaration of Union, May 10, 1939

On May 10, 1939 delegates from all conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church met in Kansas City, Missouri. There they adopted the Declaration of Union, now included in all editions of the Methodist Discipline, becoming thus the Methodist Church of America.

In the reorganization that followed six Jurisdictions were set up. The Southeastern Jurisdiction was divided into eight Areas. South Carolina Conference, Upper South Carolina Conference and Western North Carolina Conference made up the Charlotte Area with Bishop Claire Purcell as resident bishop. In 1948 South Carolina Conference and Upper South Carolina Conference reunited to form the South Carolina Conference. In 1960 South Carolina Conference was set up as a new Area within the Jurisdiction with Bishop Paul Hardin, a native of Chester, South Carolina,

Lancaster Methodist Visiting Committee

In 1939 Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, president of the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, and the Reverend P. L. Bauknight, pastor, worked out a plan whereby a Visiting Committee for the church was set up within the Society. Mrs. Carl G. Bennett, first chairman, served many years. The Committee, still active, reports and visits prospective members, and reports cases of serious illness and distress which need immediate attention of the pastor. They visit the sick and newcomers. The Committee's influence cannot be judged by statistics.

<u>Historic</u> <u>Upper South Carolina Conference</u>

Held in Lancaster

The 1939 annual Upper South Carolina Conference met in Lancaster First Methodist Church on November 2 with Bishop Claire Purcell in the chair. The report given by the Reverend P. L. Bauknight, pastor of the Lancaster Church, shows the church was making progress. The membership was 668. The church, educational building and parsonage were valued at \$74,000 with an indebtedness of \$9,600. The Woman's Missionary Society had a membership of 121 and the Sunday School had 499.

The 1939 Conference of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was historic in that it was the last to meet under that name. Unification had become a reality and all formal steps were taken at the conference in Lancater to make the Upper South Carolina Conference a part of the new Methodist Church of America.

O. R. Bell, Delegate First General Conference

The Conference in Lancaster elected delegates to attend the first General Conference of the new Methodist Church called to meet in Atlantic City, New York in 1940. The six lay delegates elected by the Upper South Carolina Conference were: Dr. H. N. Snyder, Mrs. J. P. Byars, J. C. Holler, C. P. Hammond, Leroy Moore and O. R. Bell, the last named being a member of Lancaster First Methodist Church. Lay alternates were J. B. Horton and J. C. Hardin. The clerical delegates were: Reverends R. F. Morris, W. B. Garrett, W. L. Mulliken, J. W. Shackford, C. E. Peele,

J. R. T. Major and L. E. Wiggins. Clerical alternates were Reverends B. R. Turnipseed and F. C. Beach.

The 1939 conference marked the close of the four year ministry of the Reverend P. L. Bauknight in Lancaster. He was moved to Chester and was succeeded by the Reverend R. Carl Griffith, a writer whose articles are published by both state and national church magazines.

Woman's Society Finances Parsonage Improvements

During the presidency of Nelle Gilland (Mrs. A. D.) Parr, formerly of Douglasville, Georgia, the Woman's Missionary Society reported on January 7, 1940 that a number of improvements had been made in the parsonage. These, financed by the Woman's Society, were as follows: all floors sanded and finished; two rooms papered; venetian blinds installed and drapery made for the two front rooms; a three piece bedroom suite and two linoleum rugs added to the furnishings.

"Little Man Pay, Big Man Not"

With the coming of war years church attendance increased. The lack of adequate seating space was discussed at a steward's meeting. In view of the high cost of building materials it was decided to continue the use of the folding chairs brought into the sanctuary each Sunday morning.

In spite of the increased church attendance church pledges fell into arrears. At a stewards' meeting on January 10, 1940 the late Carl Bennett, secretary, summed the matter up with the cryptic observation in the Minutes that "records show little man pay, big man not." The church bulletin for January 28, 1940 carried the following ditty:

Some pay their church dues when due, Some before they are due, Some when overdue, Some never do. How do you?

World War II and "The Echo"

In the fall of 1941 war clouds were hovering low. Lancaster lay within the area of a giant United States army maneuver field. Lancaster First Methodist Church cooperated with other churches

and agencies in the section in providing entertainment for the thousands of soldiers quartered in South Carolina during that period. Hostesses presided over the recreation room (the Men's Bible Class room) which was opened daily. Games, writing material and reading matter were supplied those who desired to drop by at any time. The members of the church opened their homes and few homes went without from one to four soldiers for the weekends.

There were still a few soldiers in the community as visitors on Sunday, December 7, 1941 when Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States was brought into active participation in the war.

In December, 1943 during the second year of the pastorate of the Reverend W. B. Garrett, members of the Lancaster First Methodist Church decided to sponsor the publication of a news sheet to be sent to the members of the church in service. Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler and Mrs. H. C. Floyd each received a written request from the Board of Stewards that they assume joint responsibility for the project. With trepidation both accepted the challenge and served as co-editors of the informal publication. Among the many reporters who rendered valuable assistance was Mrs.J. O. Taylor. She worked tirelessly in compiling addresses and in getting the latest news on all the service men.

The project was begun in December, 1943 as a one-page news sheet. Thereafter $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Echo}}$, as it was called, beginning January, 1944 was an eight-page mimeographed monthly publication. At first it was published primarily for the soldiers but soon church members began requesting copies that they too might know just what was happening to our soldiers. The little paper was soon being widely circulated. Each issue carried an inspirational message from the pastor.

Three from A Family

Among the families named in <u>The Echo</u> as having three or more members in some branch of the service were: Mrs. E. P. McWhirter, sons, Major Horace B. McWhirter, Foy McWhirter, and Chaplaing Paul McWhirter; Mrs. Charles Bailey, sons, Jack Bailey, Harold Bailey and Max Bailey; Mrs. J. T. Thomasson, sons, Lieutenant Pollard F. Thomasson, David J. Thomasson and James T. Thomasson; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Emanuel, sons, Ben F. Emanuel, Emil H. Emanuel and Phillip H. Emanuel, Jr.; the Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Garrett, son, Chaplain Francis L. Garrett and daughters, Cadet Nurses Emily L. and Willora L. Garrett. The Reverend Mr. Garrett, now Dr. Garrett, was himself Chaplain of the Lancaster Home Guards; Mr. and Mrs. S. Ellison Hagins, sons, Angus W. Hagins, Ralph Todd Hagins and B. Curtis Hagins.

Methodist Women Awarded Achievement Pins

Seventeen women of the Lancaster First Methodist Church were awarded Red Cross Achievement pins for having given 150 or more hours of work at the Red Cross center - sewing, knitting and making surgical dressings. They were: Miss Etta Skipper, Mrs. Latta Hood, Mrs. Minnie M. Cauthen, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, Mrs. Robert D. Rowell, Jr., Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. W. B. Garrett, Mrs. O. S. Porter, Miss Amelia Dowling, Mrs. Roach S. Stewart, Mrs. Harold Booker, Miss Mildred Billings, Mrs. W. H. Wolfe, Mrs. G. M. Plyler, Mrs. Cecil P. Funderburk, Mrs. E. L. Scruggs and Mrs. W. A. Lynn.

In Appreciation of The Echo

A few excerpts from letters written to the staff of $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Echo}}$ are as follows:

The Echo is an answer to prayer. From where else could I have heard Mr. Garrett's joke and such things as the fact that all those kids, the Boy Scouts of yesterday, are now in the service. Looking forward to the next issue and whatever you do, don't forget to send my copy. Luck to all, Todd Hagins.

 $\underline{\mbox{The Echo}}$ is like a personal letter all about those I would like to see.

Sara Rodgers, R.N.

I have received several of The Echo papers and have enjoyed reading them for they give me a lot of news I would not get otherwise. - John M. Chapman.

I received a copy of <u>The Echo</u> today. It is a wonderful little paper. . . . It is a morale builder and is worth looking forward to.

-Ben F. Emanuel

I have just received another copy of $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Echo}}$. I always look forward to receiving this newsy $\underline{\text{little}}$ paper. When I am away from lifelong friends news of them is next best to seeing them.

Charles M. Blackmon

News Items from The Echo

May 1, 1944: The Brownie Scouts, a group of thirty-two girls between the ages of 7 and 9, have been organized under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Wolfe.

May 1, 1944: A Cantata, directed by Mrs. J. W. Medford, was presented on Easter Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist Church. Miss Margaret Nims accompanied on the organ. Solo parts were sung by Mesdames A. D. Parr, C. W. Morrison and Radford Ellis and Messers A. Z. F. Wood (Episcopalian), Charles Holland (Baptist), John Poag (Presbyterian), and Phillip Adelsheimer. Other Methodists taking part were: Mrs. Margaret Morris, Miss Dorothy McWhirter, Mrs. Quay Hunter, Katherine Parr, Betty Sue Smith, Mary Emily Beckham, Mrs. George Huntley, Mrs. L. K. Bundy, Miss Willie D. McWhirter, Peggy Funderburk, C. D. Isom, Dan Beckham and F. Clyde Funderburk.

June 1, 1944: At the Sunday morning service, W. A. Lynn, at Mr. Garrett's request, made the announcement that the Men's Bible Class had voted to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #71 Troop #71 has another Eagle Scout, Harvey Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Stewart.

June 1, 1944: Members of the Young Peoples Division held a six weeks' course, a class being taught on six successive Sunday evenings by Mrs. H. C. Floyd, the Reverend Oliver Carmichael, pastor the A.R.P. Church, Mrs. H. G. Beckham, Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, Miss Helen Robinson and Mrs. H. G. Huntley.

July, 1944: On D-Day, June 6, 1944, at eight-thirty a.m. the church bells of Lancaster began calling anxious listeners from their radios. There were no services at Lancaster First Methodist Church but all day long men, women and children came singly or in groups to bow in prayer before God. All day silent petitions were raised to Him for our boys all over the world.

"Take Thou the burden, Lord,

I am exhausted with this heavy load."

July, 1944: The Intermediates of First Methodist Church have organized a Dramatics Club with seventeen members and have chosen Mrs. Walter C. King as their leader. As their first presentation they gave a playlet, "The Bible in Our House," as a part of their department's worship service on Sunday morning, June 11. They are to be congratulated on the excellence of their work. Those taking part were: Katherine Parr, Betty Sue Smith, Mary Emily Beckham, Hubert Cannon, Jr. and Hoyle Smith.

August, 1944: From the Charlotte Observer, July 6, 1944

comes the following: "Miss Margaret Taylor, church secretary of the (Charlotte) First Methodist Church on North Tryon and Eighth takes a part of her lunch hour to play the chimes for the daily 12 o'clock silent prayer for the boys in service. The church is open and people enter, kneel at the altar and pray as the chimes play the familiar hymns chosen by Miss Taylor."

Margaret, a former member of Lancaster First Methodist Church, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Taylor of our

church.

January, 1945: On December 17, 1944, attractive church bulletins were distributed to the members of the First Methodist congregation. These were contributed in memory of George Thomas King by his son, G. T. King, Jr.

February, 1945: Dr. Charles W. Morrison left during January for Key West, Florida, where he will assume his duties as lieutenant-commander in the United States Navy.

April, 1945: During Holy Week, from March 25 through April 1, Reverend W. B. Garrett conducted pre-Easter evening services at Lancaster First Methodist Church. . . . A large cross, electrically lighted, presented to the church by G. T. King, Jr., was used during the service.

May, 1945: Among those who served on Iwo Jima were Lieutenant LeHew Bell and Pfc James Craig Jones, members of Lancaster First Methodist Church.

August, 1945: Flight Officer H. George Huntley has sent an interesting article taken from the <u>Air Force</u> which tells of the cannibals of the New Guinea Island where our forces built an airport. . . . The natives were disappointed in the American tractor because it could not fly - such clumsiness they had never seen - all other machines had flown. But when they saw what our firearms could do, they immediately began negotiations to tempt the Americans to help them in their war against their neighbors. They even offered to let the Americans eat all the captives if they insisted.

August, 1945: Edith Hilton, with the American Embassy writes, "Arrived in good shape. We were just seven days coming by plane with three long stops. Went through New Foundland and the Azores Islands. Stayed at Casablanca two days and nights."

August, 1945: From the list of addresses to which our mailing committee sends $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Echo}}$, it begins to look as if the sun never sets on The Echo either.

November, 1944 and November, 1945: Pfc Harvey Egleton who

was seriously wounded on July 4, 1944 was awarded the Purple Heart on August 14, 1944. . . . Harvey D. Eggleton of the U. S. Army has been given an honorable discharge at Camp Butner, North Carolina and has resumed his duties as manager of Cox's Five and Ten Cent Stores.

November, 1945: Harry Moseley of the Merchant Marines expects to be back in civilian attire soon.

November, 1945: Major Everette Gardner . . . says he will be home soon. So he is going to be here after all to help little Terry celebrate his first birthday.

November, 1945: Midget Hagins says he is not joking when he says he will be glad to get that coveted little piece of paper and head for home.

December, 1945: On Tuesday evening quite a number of Methodists called at the parsonage between the hours of seven and nine to greet the new pastor, the Reverend H. L. Kingman and family.

December, 1945: When Pfc Eugene Hough was en route from the United States to Japan his ship encountered the recent typhoon while a few hours from Okinawa. Eugene says it was an experience he does not care to repeat.

December, 1945: Major Heyward Brigman and family have returned to town from Miami where Heyward was stationed.

January, 1946: Henry Lewis Montgomery, S 2-c, is still in the Philippines.

Lancaster First Methodist

Service Roll

* Designates those who gave their lives

Bailey, Coy Bevan
Bailey, Ezra Lee
* Bailey, Harold
* Bailey, Jack
Bailey, Max
Barnes, Lewis M.
Bass, Earle E.
Bass, Thomas P.
Beckham, Henry G., Jr.

Beckham, Dan R.
Belk, Henry Grady
Belk, E. Strait
Bell, J. Ulysses, Jr.
Bell, Lonnie C.
Bell, James C.
Bell, Roddey LeHew
Bell, W. Richard
Bell, Emory

Bethea, Dr. T. W. Blackmon, Charles N. Blackmon, Ben M. Blakely, W. R. Bowers, F. Lloyd Brigman, G. Heyward Broughton, Walter T., Jr. Burns, F. C. Cameron, William E., Jr. Cameron, William E., Sr. Camp, Mervin J. Cannon, F. Wayne Carnahan, Donald E. Carnes, Dr. W. C. Carnes, William C. Cauthen, Henry Allen Cauthen, Kenneth T. Chewning, John M., Sr. Clancy, Joe P. Clancy, Luellyn Wilson Clyburn, Frank T. Clyburn, William P. * Courtney, Earnest N. Cox, Julian Cobb, Charles D. Crenshaw, Robert O'Dell Crenshaw, Guy B., Jr. Dilling, John B., Jr. Duren, James Hall Eggleton, Harvey D. Elliott, Willie, Jr. Elliott, Ellie Lee Ellerbe, Clarence M. Ellis, Wiley C. Emanuel, Ben F. Emanuel, Emil H. Emanuel, Phillip H., Jr. Ferguson, Talmadge B. Garrett, Chaplain Francis L. Hagins, Angus W., Sr. Hagins, B. Curtis Hagins, Ralph Todd Harris, J. C., Jr. Hay, Allen M., Sr. Hay, J. Franklin Hough, Ogburn M., Sr. Hough, S. Eugene Hinson, J. William Hodges, Geo. H., Jr. Horton, J. Pierce, Jr.

Howell, Margaret (Peggy) Howell, W. F., Jr. Hubbard, Julius C., Jr. Humphries, George Huntley, H. George Huggins, George W. Hubbard, Carl Isom, Charles Dan, Jr. Jackson, James M. Jones, James Craig Kay, Richard Kerr, Floyd E. King, Boyce King, Charles A. Kiker, Clyde W. Lynn, Walston, Jr. Lockhart, Henry D. Love, Boyd H. Mahaffey, James M. Mahaffey, O. Eugene Mahaffey, S. B. Mangum, Thos. G. McDonald, James R. McDonald, William McJunkin, Joseph T. McWhirter, Foy S. McWhirter, Horace B. McWhirter, Chaplain E. Paul McManus, Henry, Jr. Medford, J. W., Jr. Montgomery, Henry Lewis Monts, William F., Jr. Moseley, Harry G. Moseley, Joseph F., Jr. Morrison, Dr. C. W. Myers, Mary Helen Plyler, Clyde G. Plyler, Edward Lee Plyler, Geo. W. Plyler, Randolph Plyler, Robert D. Porter, O. S., Jr. Rankin, Arthur E. Richardson, Wade Robertson, Horace L. Rodgers, Sarah E. Rowell, Charles Rowell, Edwin Rowell, Robert D. Rowell, Russell D.

Somners, Chloie Ellis Sowell, Joseph Huey Smith, James M. Smith, John * Stewart, Roach S. Sullivan, James B. Taylor, Charles W. Taylor, Fred Taylor, Hugh
Taylor, J. O., Jr.
Thomasson, David J.
Thomasson, James T.
Thomasson, Pollard T.
Whitehurst, Joseph D.
Williams, Ralph C.

H. W. Plyler Carillonic Bells Dedicated

In October, 1945 a set of Schulmerich Carillonic Bells were installed in the Lancaster First Methodist Church. They were the gift of Mrs. H. W. Plyler as a memorial to her late husband. A broadcasting system was included. Just before dusk on Sunday, October 21, 1945 the Bells were played for the first time - a memorable occasion for those within the sound of the music.

The dedication of the Plyler Bells was held the following Sabbath morning at the eleven o'clock worship hour. The pastor, the Reverend W. B. Garrett, led the service. He chose as the subject of his discourse "Music in Religion."

Following the pastor's inspirational message, H. DeWitt Plyler, in the name of his mother, made the formal presentation of the Bells thus:

'We present the Carillonic Bells for dedication, the gift of Mrs. Ellen Funderburk Plyler, for the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Henry Washington Plyler."

The presentation was followed by an appropriate responsive reading and the service was concluded with a dedicatory prayer by the pastor. After the benediction the congregation stood in reverent silence while the bells played "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," Mrs. H. A. Douglas, organist.

"The music in my heart I bore Long after it was heard no more."

Other members of the Plyler family present for the dedication were Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Davis, and son, R. V. Davis, Jr., Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, Mrs. M. H. Levi of Manning, South Carolina, Captain George W. Plyler of Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Dr. H. G. Settle of Fort Mill, South Carolina.

^{3. &}lt;u>The Echo</u>, November, 1945; published by Lancaster First Methodist Church, 1943-45. Lancaster County Library.



THE REVEREND W. B. GARRETT

Pastor when the Carillonic Bells, in memory H. W. Plyler were presented to the Lancaster First Methodist Church.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. PLYLER

Mr. Plyler was a member of the Official Board for many years; a member of the 1937 Educational Building Committee. He and Mrs. Plyler donated shrubbery for the beautifucation of the church grounds, 1935, and for the Educational Building, 1938. The Carillonic Bells, gift of Mrs. Plyler in 1945, were dedicated to the memory of Mr. Plyler.





THE REVEREND E. R. MASON
Pastor 1919-1923
for whom
the
Ed Mason Men's Bible Class
was named

ROACH S. STEWART

Teacher the Ed Mason Men's Bible Class, 1921-1948; Steward more than 15 years.



Pastor Completes Four Years in Lancaster

As has been seen from the notice in The Echo the Reverend Mr. Garrett completed four years of ministry in Lancaster First Methodist Church and then was succeeded by the Reverend H.Lester Kingman. Mr. Garrett left a host of friends in Lancaster when he was moved to Central Methodist Church in Spartanburg.

New Pastor Welcomed to Lancaster

On Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving of 1945 a number of Lancaster Methodist called at the parsonage on Gay Street between the hours of seven and nine to greet the new pastor, the Reverend H. L. Kingman, his wife and their three children, Jimmy, Peggy and Kay Francis.

On Sunday evening, November 25 a welcome service for the Kingmans, sponsored by the Lancaster Ministerial Association was held in the First Methodist Church. The Reverend J. F. Burriss, pastor of the Lancaster First Baptist Church, presided and read the scripture. The congregation was led in prayer by the Reverend R. H. Showalter, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Welcome to Lancaster was extended by Ned Gregory, lay member of the Lancaster First Baptist Church, and one of the town's leading lawyers. Welcome was also extended by the Reverend T. B. McBride, pastor of the A.R.P. congregation. The subject of the Reverend Mr. Kingman's sermon for the evening was "The Never Failing Light."

Parsonage Improvements

From the January issue of The Echo comes the following: "Several improvements have been made in the parsonage in recent weeks. The rooms on the first floor have been painted, a new circulating heater and a mahogany suite of furniture put in the dining room and a studio couch in the den. The pastor's study and the outside trim of the educational building have also been painted."

<u>Hubbards Give Pulpit Furniture</u>

On April 9, 1944 the Lancaster First Methodist Church bulletin carried the following announcement:

We are happy to announce that Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hubbard have placed in the hands of the treasurer the money with which to purchase a new set of pulpit furnishings consisting of two chairs, two flower pedestals and a pulpit desk. This furniture cannot be secured until after the war, but the gift has been made and it is very appropriate to announce it on this Easter Day.

The furniture was purchased and added much to the appearance of the church. Fortunately, as we shall see, one of the old chairs was placed in the ladies' parlor in the educational building.

Service Men Return Home

The Sunday bulletins and the fall copies of <u>The Echo</u> for 1944 and early copies of 1945 are filled with notices of the return of service men, members of Lancaster First Methodist Church. They were welcomed gladly but there was sadness over the loss of those who could never return. For them Memorial services had been held during the war as soon as official notice of the death was received. (For the names of those who gave their lives in the service see roll pages 54, 55 and 56.)

<u>Disasterous Fire Destroys Methodist Church</u>

On Sunday morning, March 2, 1947 there was a light drizzle of rain mixed with a few scattered snowflakes. Members of the Lancaster First Methodist Church heard the fire siren but at ninethirty were unaware till they reached the scene that it was their church building. The fire started from a faulty flue. Town firemen were assisted by the Springs Mill fire department. Church members looked on in shocked tearful silence. The church could not be saved. Through valiant effort the educational building and parsonage were saved.

Carlyle Crenshaw, writing for The Little Echo, published by the Youth Department, said in the March 30, 1947 issue:

On that tragic Sunday I suppose each of us had practically the same thoughts; we had lost our place of worship . . . even our magnificent windows had been smashed.

Methodist Worship Three Years In Parr Theater

Various groups in Lancaster came forward with offers of buildings. Methodist Church officials accepted the offer of Geo. W. Parr, owner of the Parr Theater.

Again we quote from $\underline{\text{The}}$ $\underline{\text{Little}}$ $\underline{\text{Echo}}$ this time from an article written by Ralph Bailey:

The First Methodist congregation began holding morning worship services in the theater on March 9, 1947. Everyone must have had a feeling of reverence and worship as he entered the auditorium. Before the drawn scarlet curtains there was a beautiful worship center: a table with two bronze candleholders in which were tall white candles; vases with beautifully arranged gladiola and in the center of the table a golden cross. . The Rev. Mr. Kingman selected a very appropriate topic for his sermon, "Building a More Glorious Church."

For three years thereafter the Methodist held their Sunday School classes in the educational building then in rain or shine, snow or sleet made the trek to the theatre where worship services were held. During that time the choir presented two beautiful Cantatas, one under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Kingman, the other, "Childe Jesus" under the direction of Miss Helen lobinson. The songs they sang thus by the "rivers of Babylon" were beautiful.

CHAPTER V

IN THE FOURTH BUILDING

Building Committee Appointed

A new church Building Committee was appointed by the Reverend H. L. Kingman as follows: A. D. Parr, chairman, W. F. Ballard, A. W. Hagins, C. F. Marshall, H. DeWitt Plyler, E. P. Plyler, E. L. Scruggs, R. B. Stewart, T. C. Thomasson and C. F. Uhlman. At first it was proposed that as much of the old foundation and walls as possible be utilized. Examination proved this would not be feasible from a standpoint of safety.

The Committee submitted a set of plans for a Gothic structure. The plans were approved but finally discarded because of the cost of the proposed building. Plans for the present colonial edifice were drawn by Heyward Singley, Architect of Columbia, South Carolina. The contract was let to the Crossland Construction Company of Columbia for the sum of \$130,000. Furnishings eventually brought the total cost to \$175,000.

In the early part of 1949 a crew of wreckers began demolishing what was left of the old burned building. When the site was cleared construction was begun on the new building in June, 1949.

First Service in New Sanctuary, May 8, 1950

On May 8, 1950 the Lancaster Methodist assembled for the first time in the new sanctuary. History was repeating itself for it was on May 9, 1909, second Sunday in May, that the Methodist held the first service in the church which burned in 1907. At the 1950 service the pastor, the Reverend Mr. Kingman, presided. The lectern and pulpit Bibles presented by Mrs. Minnie Cauthen and Mrs. Addie Carter Thomasson, respectively, were used for the first time.





THE REVEREND H. LESTER KINGMAN, Pastor of the Fourth Church Building Expansion Program. Church erected 1950.



The Interior

The fourth church building is colonial. The floor of the sanctuary is of terazzo. The sanctuary and balcony will seat 484. Eight individual seats, each upholstered in light green mohair, make up the pews which have colonial pew ends of red birch.

The chancel is divided. The organist is on the left facing the pulpit, with two pews on that side. The main portion of the choir is on the right. The lectern is at the right, the pulpit stand at the left. The four pulpit chairs, the lectern and the pulpit stand match the red birch pews. The Epiphany star in the floor is a duplicate of the one in the floor of the main entrance.

A large social hall in the basement will seat 200 at tables. A stage, a storage room, a furnace room, rest rooms and a kitchen complete the basement floor plan.

The building has radiant heat for winter and is air conditioned for summer.

The Reredos and Other Gifts

The reredos in the chancel is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilson, memorial to Mrs. Wilson's parents, Robert R. and Lou Elliott Riddle; altar table, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Plyler, memory of her parents, William D. and Harriett Lou Drennan Robinson; the Baptismal Font, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Stewman, by their children Irene and Leonard Stewman; piano in the Lou Riddle Bible Class room, also gift Mrs. Plyler in memory of her parents; collection plate set used in the main sanctuary, gift of Hawold D. and Robert D. Plyler, sons of Mrs. E. P. Plyler and the late Mr. Plyler.

Altar set, candle sticks, vases and cross, gift of Miss Etta Skipper and Mrs. Guy Skipper Cameron, memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper; the greater number of the hymnals given in memory of their parents by Miss Skipper, Mrs. Cameron and E. Lee Skipper were burned in the fire which destroyed the third church; the Bible in the Men's Bible Class room (Fellowship Hall) given by Mr. and Mrs. Max Cauthen and sons, Maxie and Tracy Ross, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Horton, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Horton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James McIlwain and son, Mare, in memory of Tracy H. Cauthen, brother to Mr. Cauthen and Mrs. Horton (Sr.); piano, on loan as long as needed to the Intermediate Department by Mrs. Ben C. Hough, Jr.; piano on same terms to the Senior Youth Department by Mrs. A. D. Parr, Sr.; collection plates in the Lou Riddle Bible Class room, gift of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Horton, Sr., in memory of their respective mothers, Mrs.

Robert P. Horton and Mrs. M. B. Cauthen (known and loved locally during her long widowhood as "Miss Minnie"). Hymnals, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, memory R. S. Stewart.

Among other gifts: oil painting, Madonna and Child, Lou Riddle Class room, painted by donor, Mrs. A. W. Hagins. Mrs. Hagins has also made an oil copy of a portrait of the Reverend James Jenkins, organizer of the Lancaster First Methodist Church. The copy is earmarked as a gift for the church library and plans are being tentatively made to unveil it in January, 1962.

A handturned walnut collection plate for the nursery was the gift of W. M. Blackmon; a three dimensional Lord's Supper made and donated by Mrs. W. B. Garrett to the Lou Riddle Class; a reprint copy of the <u>Diary</u> of the Reverend James Jenkins, organizer of the Lancaster First Methodist Church. The <u>Diary</u> was the gift of Mrs. I. B. Brown of Florence, South Carolina in memory of her sister, Mrs. Victoria Dowling Beaseley.

Other gifts have been made we are sure but in many cases were burned and the record of the donor lost.

Carillonic Bells Replaced

One of the losses sustained in the burning of the third church was that of the Schulmerich Carillonic Bells, gift of Mrs. Henry W. Plyler in memory of her husband. When the new church was completed Mrs. Plyler generously replaced the Bells. After her death her children replaced the broadcasting system and added an automatic record player in her memory.

First Director of Christian Education

With the building program complete Lancaster First Methodists turned their attention to a long felt need -- a director of Christian education. The Reverend Mr. Kingman, serving his fifth year as pastor, secured the services of Miss Mary Raye Freeman, a 1950 graduate of Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, North Carolina. She resigned after a year and a half to assume duties elsewhere.

South Carolina Conferences Unite

We have noted that in 1914 the South Carolina Conference was divided into the South Carolina Conference and the Upper South Carolina Conference, the Lancaster Church being in the Upper Conference. Even at that time there was opposition to the division.



For identification see next page.

ED MASON MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

First row - left to right:

(1) R. A. McClintic (2) Dan Simmons (3) Clyde Funderburk (4) E. N. Courtney (5) John McAteer (6) Frank Bailey (7) Richard Kay (8) John Chewning (9) W. H. Hyatt (10) Robert H. Mobley

(11) Odell Hagins (12) George Humphries (13) Buell Ellis

(14) Clyburn Wilson (15) C. C. McJunkin (16) Robert L. Mobley (17) Woodrow Joye (18) F. R. Hay (19) "G. W." Huggins (20) Oscar Huggins (21) Burgin Beal

Second row - left to right:

- (22) Collier Taylor (23) Earley P. Plyler (24) L. F. Hovis
- (25) Henry Allen Cauthen (26) W. F. Howell (27) Cecil Harper
- (28) J. E. Rabley (29) James Craig Jones (30) Pierce Horton

(31) Robert Davis (32) Dewey Parr, Sr. (33) Mack Ezzell

(34) Strait Belk (35) J. A. Hinceman (36) G. T. Myers (37) Archie Sapp

Third row - left to right:

- (38) George Gage (39) Charles Hawkins (40) Arthur Rankin
- (41) Chester Pardue (42) B. J. Hurd (43) J. D. Funderburk
- (44) Everette Sullivan (45) Fred Hunter (46) Leonard Stewman
- (47) Hazel Ferguson (48) Howard Penegar

Fourth row - left to right:

- (49) Bill Daugherty (50) Randolph Plyler (51) E. J. Jones (52) Foy S. McWhirter (53) Rev. J. H. Martin (54) George Plyler
- (55) Joe Whitehurst (56) J. L. Cooper (57) Radford Ellis
- (58) Ralph Fulmer (59) Roy Pardue (60) Gordon Boyd

Fifth row - left to right:

(61) H. L. Jordan (62) Willie Moody (63) Max Cauthen (64) Ladell Steele (65) Ralph Williams (66) W. A. McWaters (67) P. H. Emanuel (68) Harvey Eggleton (69) A. D. Eidson (70) Tom Mangum (71) F. W. (75) Ed Harry King (75) Ed Harry King (75) Ed Harry King (76) Ed Harry King (76) Ed Harry King (77) Ed Harry King (77) Ed Harry King (78) Ed Harry King (78) Ed Harry King (79) Robert Hardin (80) J. C. Long (81) . . Hinson, (82) Harry Tharpe (83) Lonnie Bell (84) E. L. Robbins (85) Joe Moseley, Sr. (86) Quay Hunter (87) H. N. Cannon (88) H. C. Floyd (89) Carter Thomasson (90) James Bradley

Betts says:

The 163rd session of the South Carolina Conference met in Main Street Methodist Church, Columbia, on October 25, 1948. By action of the Jurisdictional Conference in July the two former Conferences were now one. Under the presidency of Bishop Costen J. Harrell they were formally united. Rev. Geo. K. Way was chosen secretary and Rev. John T. Frazier was elected statistician.

We now had 11 districts, 317 pastoral charges, 771 local churches, 170,313 members, property worth \$16,369,050 besides \$4,000,000 more in schools and institutional buildings and endowments.

Conference Sends New Pastor

At the 1950 Annual South Carolina Conference the Reverend Benjamin L. Kilgo was assigned to the Lancaster First Methodist Church. Older members of the church welcomed him gladly. Like other members of his famous family the Rev. Mr. Kilgo was an interesting speaker.

The Reverend James H. Martin is Successor

In the fall of 1952 the Reverend James H. Martin of the Saint George Methodist Church was sent to Lancaster to succeed the Reverend Mr. Kilgo.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin soon became actively engaged in the Youth program of the church. Having two teenage sons, Henry and Watkins, they were naturally very much interested in that phase of the work. Mrs. Martin was made Assistant Director of Education in the church. There being no director she carried on the work of that office.

Lancaster Youth Attend National MYF

Under the direction of Mrs. Martin and Miss Elizabeth Wilson, superintendent of the Youth Division, the Lancaster First Methodist young people attended many camps and other Methodist

^{1.} Betts History of South Carolina Methodism, page 479.

assemblies. Probably one of the highlights was the attendance of five Lancaster young people at the National Methodist Youth Convocation in 1956. The Convocation was held at Pardue University, Lafayette, Indiana on August 22-26. Young people from Lancaster First Methodist Church who attended were Wilma Skinner, Mary Kirk Smith, Henry Harper, Jimmy Hyatt and Elizabeth Wilson. They were accompanied by Mrs. Martin who served as one of the twelve deans, being in charge of one wing of Dormitory X.

Keynote speakers they were privileged to hear included Bishop G. Bromley Osnam of Washington, D. C. and Bishop Gerald

Kennedy of Los Angeles, California.

New Parsonage Dedicated

Shortly after the Martin family came to Lancaster a parsonage lot on Wylie Street in the Sunny Hills section was donated by the promoters of that residential area, namely; W. T. Myers, H. DeWitt Plyler, L. Steve Williams, D. Reece Williams and K. C. Billings. A parsonage Building Committee was appointed as follows: H. DeWitt Plyler, J. B. Lasley, W. T. Myers, A. D. Parr, T. Carter Thomasson, and H. G. Beckham, Jr. By the fall of 1955 a seven room one story brick residence had been completed at a cost of \$20,000. The parsonage, debt free, was dedicated at three o'clock on the afternoon of January 29, 1956. The service was concluded with a solo, "Bless This House," sung by Ray Dennis with Miss Helen Robinson at the piano.

Tragedy Strikes Parsonage Home

Not long after the Martins moved into the new parsonage tragedy saddened the whole congregation. Henry Hudson Martin, eighteen year old son of the Reverend and Mrs. Martin, was killed almost instantly at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning, May 9, 1955

near Heath Springs.

The youth, accompanied by his parents and younger brother, Watkins, was enroute to Bamberg where the Ford, an old model being drawn on a trailer by the car in which the youth's parents and brother were riding, was to have been entered in a parade. Henry was riding in the Ford on the trailer. The trailer broke loose, ran into an embankment and overturned. Young Martin was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, May 10 in the Lancaster First Methodist Church with burial in the Trinity Methodist Church cemetery, Newberry, South Carolina.



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST PARSONAGE Erected, 1955

REVEREND JAMES H. MARTIN

Pastor Lancaster First Methodist Church when the parsonage was erected at 407 Wylie Street in 1955.





FIRST METHODIST CHURCH FOURTH BUILDING DEDICATED JULY 25, 1957 In pulpit 1 to r: Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, District Superintendent E. E. Glenn and the Reverend James H. Martin Pastor.

The Church Dedicated, 1957

During the Reverend Mr. Martin's pastorate the Lancaster Church paid the last installment on their church debt. It had taken the congregation only seven years to pay for their new church.

Dedication services were held at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning, July 25, 1957. The Reverend Mr. Martin was assisted by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, bishop of the Charlotte Area of which the South Carolina Conference was then a part, and by the Reverend E. E. Glenn, Rock Hill District Superintendent.

The service was that provided for such occasions as found in "The Book of Worship," pages 476-481 which closes as follows:

Bishop:

Accept, O God our Father, this service at our hands, and bless it to the end that this congregation of faithful people may make manifest the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth, and so may this house be the place where thine honor dwelleth and the whole earth be filled with thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SANCTUS

Bishop:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying;

People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!

Amen.

And so stands the Lancaster First Methodist Church, a lovely colonial structure, dedicated to the glory of God. "And I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Plans Drawn for Educational Building

Members of Lancaster First Methodist Church again turned their attention to the need for more educational building space. In 1957 the following Building Committee was set up: Dr. G. T. Myers, chairman, Henry G. Beckham, Jr., J. R. Evans, Cecil Harper, W. C. Hawkins, L. F. Hovis, J. B. Lasley, C. F. Marshall, and Horace Plyler.

A set of plans were accepted but later rejected as being in-adequate for future needs.

Pipe Organ Committee

The Hammond organ was installed in the Parr Theater then transferred to the new church when it was completed in 1950. Soon plans were made to purchase a pipe organ. A number of Memorial Organ Fund Gifts were contributed. The following Organ Committee was set up in 1957 during the Reverend Mr. Martin's ministry: E. C. Wilson, chairman, Ray Dennis, R. H. Williams, James Bradley and H. DeWitt Plyler.

The Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin to Lancaster

After serving six years as pastor of the Lancaster First Methodist Church the Reverend J. H. Martin was transferred to the Conway First Methodist Church by the South Carolina Conference in 1958. He was succeeded in Lancaster by the Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin who came from the Walterboro Church. The Reverend Mr. Kemmerlin is married to the former Eunice Kemmerlin of Harley-ville, South Carolina. They have four children, Thomas, Jr., teacher of law, University of South Carolina, Anne (Mrs. Robert L. McDonald), Bee and Jean and one grandchild, Lauren Michelle McDonald.

New Educational Building

Dr. Govan T. Myers served one year as chairman of the Educational Building Committee. When he was elected president of the South Carolina Education Association in 1958 a full schedule made it necessary for him to resign as chairman of the Building Committee. The Official Board approved the following committee: Charles F. Marshall, Chairman; H. G. Beckham, Jr., J. B. Lasley, H. DeWitt Plyler, T. Archie Sapp, Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin and J. C. Hubbard.

On September 4, 1959 they employed Lafaye, Fair, Lafaye and Associates of Columbia, South Carolina to design and prepare drawings for the Lancaster First Methodist building expansion program.

At a church conference in February, 1960 a new set of plans were approved. The proposed building expansion, the purchase of additional real estate from the adjoining County Jail property and the R. B. Robinson property facing French Street, and the Moller pipe organ for the sanctuary were estimated at a cost of

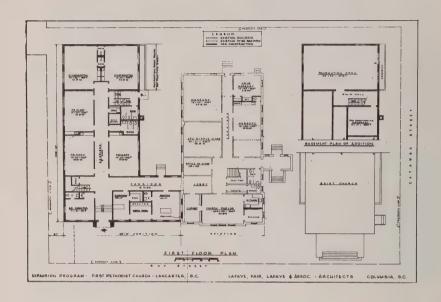


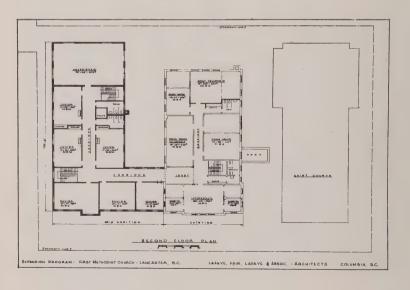
Left: The Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin, pastor during the educational building expansion program of 1960-1961.

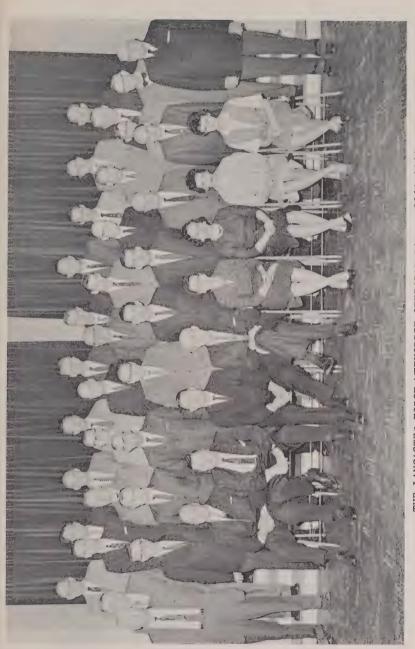
Below: The Educational Building, Lancaster First Methodist Church. The left portion of the picture shows the new 1960-61 annex. The right hand part of the building with the decorative white facing around the windows was erected in 1937.



NEW AND OLD EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FLOOR PLANS, 1961







THE LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST OFFICIAL BOARD, 1960-1961 (For identification see next page)

IDENTIFICATION MEMBERS 1960-1961 OFFICIAL BOARD (For complete list of members see appendix)

First row (seated): Geo. W. Plyler, T. Carter Thomasson, the Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin, pastor Lancaster First Methodist Church since 1958, J. C. Hubbard, Chairman the Official Board, 1960-19--, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, Mrs. G. B. Heath, President the W.S.C.S., 1960-62, Miss Judy Bolt, educational assistant, Miss Penny Porter, president MYF, 1960-61.

Second row: Geo. W. Parr, A. D. Parr, J. E. Tindal, G. H. Brigman, V. C. Herlocker, James Bradley, R. C. Cleveland, Glenn Plyler, H. G. Beckham, Jr., H. DeWitt Plyler

Third row: A. W. Hagins, Ernest Klutz, T. Cecil Harper, James Jackson, James A. Hinceman, H. S. Likens, Charles Carr, H. C. Floyd, John M. Chewning, E. N. Courtney, C. C. McJunkin

Fourth row: W. T. Myers, Foy S. McWhirter, Robert L. Mobley, R. P. Perry, R. H. Billings, J. M. Sharp, J. P. Simpson, president Men's Fellowship, Edwin Rowell, T. Archie Sapp, superintendent Church School, Ralph Williams, and P. M. Smith (standing directly in front Mr. Williams).



H. L. MONTGOMERY, Chairman the Publications Committee; Superintendent the Adult Division of the Church School; president the Ed Mason Men's Bible Class, 1960-1961; Steward, 1961-; Scout Master, 1949-1954; superintendent the Intermediate Department, 1956-58.









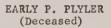
MEMBERS WHO SERVED ON THE THREE 1950-1961 Lancaster First Methodist Church Building Committees, namely Fourth Church Building Committee, 1950, Parsonage Building Committee, 1955 and the Educational Building Committee, 1961.

Front row, 1 to r: J. C. Hubbard, T. C. Thomasson, Rev. Thomas Kenmerlin, A. D. Parr, James Bradley; second row: T. Archie Sapp, A. W. Hagins, W. T. Myers, H. DeWitt Plyler, H. G. Beckham. Insets: left, J. B. Lasley, right, C. F. Marshall. Lower left hand corner, E. L. Scruggs. See following page for deceased committee members.



WILLIS F. BALLARD (Deceased)

Member the Fourth Church Building Committee; Steward, 1940-1947, 1948-1953; originator the Ballard Day Camp plan.



Member the Fourth Church Building Committee; Steward 1921-1931; Trustee 1934-1961.



BALLARD CABIN where the old third church choir rail is now used as hand rail for the steps.



\$225,000. Construction began shortly thereafter by B. L. Gardner, local contractor. The air conditioned building is modern in every detail. It was opened for use June 25, 1961. (See floor plans.) The old building was renovated and now compares favorably with the new. A program of consecration of the new addition has been scheduled for January 28, 1962 at which time Bishop Paul, Hardin will officiate.

The most recent improvement now in process is the cooperative paving of parking space by Belk's Department Store and the Lancaster First Methodist Church. The lots lying just north and adjacent to the Church and County properties will be paved from French through the block to Catawba Street.

A Brief Summary of Church School Work

The 1961 enrollment of the Church School is approximately 700 with an average attendance of 400.

Miss Judy Bolt, educational assistant resigned in May, 1961, effective June 1. No successor has been chosen. T. Archie Sapp has been succeeded by R. Carl Hubbard, as General superintendent. R. H. Billings, secretary and E. C. Taylor, treasurer, have served more than twenty years each in his respective office.

The School follows the general program laid down by the Methodist Church. The Vacation Church School attendance usually averages between 100 and 150. The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service provide refreshments daily for those attending. The school varies from one to two weeks.

The Intermediate and Senior Fellowships participate in special summer study courses and attend the various camps and conferences provided for them.

The Methodist men meet once a month for a supper in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Usually a guest speaker is invited.

Scout Work in The Church

Through the influence of the late W. A. Lynn the Lancaster First Methodist Men's Bible Class sponsored the first Scout work in the church. Among those who have been active in Boy Scout Troop #71, Cub Pack #71, Explorer #71, Girl Scout Troop #71 and a Brownie Troop, scout organizations now sponsored by the Lancaster First Methodist Church, are the following members of the church: the late W. A. Lynn, awarded Silver Beaver, 1944; H. N. Cannon, Silver Beaver, 1950; Gordon Boyd, Silver Beaver, 1957; James Hinceman, Silver Beaver, 1959; and Dr. Russell Bellune, Silver Beaver, 1961; also Scout masters, Dr. F. C. Holliday, T.

Cecil Harper, L. K. Bundy, C. D. Isom, H. L. Montgomery, J. B. Sullivan, W. F. Ballard, Jr., John W. Hutchinson, Guy B. Crenshaw, Jr., L. F. Hovis, J. B. Lasley, Don Scott, Buell Ellis, Walter Heath, Robert L. Mobley, Robert H. Mobley and J. C. Long. Den mothers who have served for Methodist Cubs are: Mrs. Walter Heath, Mrs. R. H. Mobley, Mrs. T. R. Grier, Mrs. George Summers. Mrs. Hunter Boyd and Mrs. Clarence M. Johnson.

Those women of Lancaster who have been leaders of the Girl Scout Troop #71 and of the Brownies are: Ruth Wolfe (Mrs. W. H.) Eunice Hunter Stribling (Mrs. R. S.), Margaret Bauknight (Mrs. Lavoy), Mrs. Louise Herriott, Nell Connors Thomasson (Mrs. J. T., Jr.), Vivian Sapp Kay (Mrs. Richard), Dorothy Porter (Mrs. Allen), Maxine Harris Sapp (Mrs. Archie), Cynthia Torr (Mrs. Kenneth) and Crystal Mullis (Mrs. Carl, Jr.).

Day Camp at Ballard's Cabin and Pond

Another feature of the work of Lancaster First Methodist Church that many will remember with pleasure as they grow older are the good times they have had at Ballard's Cabin and Pond. Day camps are held each summer at the Pond. The property now belongs to Mrs. W. F. Ballard and is located the distance of about two blocks back of her home on Chesterfield Avenue. In years past the spot was referred to as Rives Spring and was a favorite picnic spot of the 1890's.

The custom of holding the day camp at Ballard's for the Juniors and a few older Primaries was initiated in 1954 through the generosity of the late W. F. Ballard, Sr., during the pastorate of the Reverend J. H. Martin under the guidance of Mrs. Martin. Camp periods usually last from one to two weeks.

In addition to being used as a day camp site the cabin and its facilities have been used often as a meeting place for Workers Council, Scouts and other church groups.

One thing that Lancaster Methodist like to remember about the Ballard Cabin is that the handrails on the steps are made from the choir rail which was salvaged by the late Mr. Ballard after the Methodist Church burned in 1947.

Church Secretaries

A word of appreciation must be given the secretaries employed by the church. Those who have held the position are: Mrs. Heyward Graham, Mrs. Richard Kay, Mrs. Wade A. Corn, Mrs. James James H. Taylor and Mrs. J. B. Sistare.

Summer of 1960

During the summer of 1960 Joe Pugh, young ministerial student from Greer, South Carolina, was employed to serve as Youth Director. The activities of that summer will be remembered long by the young people of First Methodist Church. A few excerpts of a bulletin entitled, "From The Desk of Your Youth Director" were as follows:

The Intermediate Day Camp June 13-17 posted an average attendance of twenty-seven MYFers. Nine adults of the church took part in this program.

Twelve of the Senior MYFers made the trip to Columbia. They met Dr. Wright Spears, President of Columbia College, Rev. Adlai Holler, Editor of the Advocate, Dr. Marvin Rast, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, and Rev. Henry Thomson, Conference Director of Youth Work.

The Intermediates began their week of Christian Adventure at the Church Monday night. Several of the Adults provided refreshments under the direction of Mrs. Cecil Harper.

Tuesday's car wash netted much fun and twenty dollars for the Senior Department. The money will be used to defray expenses of the forthcoming camp session.

A large group of Seniors spent the day at Cheraw beach Wednesday at a "car wash victory party." The Main Street Methodist Church MYF of Dillon, S. C. joined them for the day.

Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. a group of twenty-three Intermediates are to leave for three days of camping at Socrareta. Miss Lib Wilson, Mr. Robert Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Herlocker and Joe Pugh are to be the counselors. Mrs. Cecil Harper will be chief cook.

The above mentioned activites are phase one of the summer youth program. It is designed to reach and activate as many of the youth as possible.
... Phase two is to be town-centered. Study groups, inter-denominational meetings, radio

programs, church breakfasts, Sunday night fireside chats, visitation, and church fellowship will be prominent on the agenda.

Pastor to the Holy Land

During the summer of 1960 through the courtesy of certain members of the church the pastor and his wife, the Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Kemmerlin, enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land. The tour included Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Italy, Greece, Turkey, France, Austria, Germany and England.

During the Reverend Mr. Kemmerlin's absence the following ministers preached at Lancaster First Methodist Church: Dr. R.B. Foster, Rev. T. Jones, Rev. W. J. Vines, Dr. E. E. Glenn and Rev. J. W. McElrath, Dr. R. B. Foster being the minister in charge.

Retired and Local Ministers in Congregation

Lancaster First Methodist Church is fortunate to have two retired ministers and one local minister in its midst. The two retired ministers are the Reverend R. B. Foster and the Reverend J. W. McElrath. Mr. A. D. Eidson is the local preacher..

The Reverend R. B. Foster and his wife, the former Miss Grace Hartman, were both reared in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They came to Lancaster upon retirement to be near their daughter, Mrs. Charles Neely Robinson. June, 1961 will mark the completion of fifty years' membership for the Reverend Mr. Foster in the Ohio Methodist Conference where he served as both minister and district superintendent. During his ministry he served three pastorates in Dayton. Probably his most successful ministry came after his retirement. Upon reaching the age of retirement he organized the Christ Church in Kettering, a suburb of Dayton. The membership of the church began with thirty-five but within two years had increased to three hundred and fifty. At the present time, ten years later, the church has a membership of 1500, two ministers and is free of debt. They support a missionary to Pakistan.

The Reverend J. W. McElrath was born and reared in Piedmont,

South Carolina. He is married to the former Miss Pearl Dees of Monroe, North Carolina. Mrs. McElrath is the granddaughter of a Methodist minister and the daughter of a school teacher. The Reverend Mr. McElrath was licensed to preach in 1916. During his first pastorate he served the Franklin Mill church at Greer and the Ebenezer Church at the old Batesville Mill near Pelham, South Carolina. During his ministry he was stationed for ten years in Greenville. He was pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Lancaster for nine years. He was made Superintendent of the



CHURCH SCHOOL GROUP

The above group is made up of past and present church school superintendents and officers who are still active in church work:

Seated 1 to r: E. C. Wilson, supt. 1921-1926, 1930-1936;

H. N. Cannon, supt., 1940-1953; W. F. Howell, supt. 1927-1929;

W. C. Hawkins, supt. 1953-1955; second row 1 to r: L. F. Hovis, supt. 1956-1958; Robert Lewis Mobley, supt. 1958-1959; E. C.

Taylor, church school treasurer 1942-1961 (still serving); R. H.

Billings, church school secretary, 1942 - still serving; R. Carl

Hubbard, present supt. 1961- . Absent when the above pircute was made: T. Archie Sapp, supt. 1959-1961.



INTERMEDIATES STUDY GOD'S WORLD

The above group made the mosaic they are displaying from the most common of all things, the dirt beneath their feet. Seated left to right they are: Sarah Rowell and Justina Lasley; standing, 1 to r, T. Carter Thomasson, Jr., Merry Jordan and Will Tindal.

Lancaster County Charities Association, an office he held fourteen years till his retirement in 1959. He still helps with the work even though not actively associated with the organization.

Mr. A. D. Eidson is a licensed local preacher. He was born in Saluda County, South Carolina. He is married to the former Miss Ellen Harlee Graham. As schoolteachers Mr. and Mrs. Eidson have lived in Lancaster for many years where they taught in the city schools. He retired in 1957 and she in 1958. Mr. Eidson served as pastor of the Zion Methodist Church, York County, Rock Hill District and also as pastor of the Friendship Methodist Church, Chester County, Rock Hill District.

These three ministers and their wives have enriched the life of Lancaster First Methodist Church by their presence and parti-

cipation in the work of the church.

Outstanding Church Leaders

Elmer Don Herd, Jr., director of the Lancaster Branch of the University of South Carolina and a member of Lancaster First Methodist Church, is the Rock Hill District Lay Leader for 1961-

1962. He is a gifted and talented speaker.

Cecil Harper, a member of Lancaster First Methodist Church, has been selected as one of the twelve South Carolina Conference delegates to the National Lay Committee on Evangelism scheduled to meet at Pardue University, Lafayette, Indiana on November 2-4, 1961.

CHAPTER VI

FIRST METHODIST CHOIRS AND ORGANISTS

Music During the Early Years

Methodist have always been a singing people and Lancaster Methodist are no exception. The music of the Lancaster First Methodist Church usually ranks with the best in town.

In the early years the church had no organ. On May 22, 1878 the church treasurer reported that H. D. Twitty, a member of the Lancaster Methodist Church, had contributed \$10.85 "on an organ."

In his "Reminiscencies" published in <u>The Lancaster News</u> in 1938 the late W. Perry Bennett told of his efforts to "hist" the tune on one occasion:

There was no musical instrument so the tunes were "histed" by J. J. Graham who also gave the proper meter, long, short or common. This reminds me of an incident that put me in a very bad light as a singer. One rainy Sunday I invited Mr. Ganson to attend services with me. It happened that Mr. Graham was absent and the Reverend Mr. Stafford called for a volunteer to hoist the tune. As I was sitting on the front seat I felt the urge to make the attempt. In my confusion and inexperience I gave the long instead of the short metre. Naturally the congregation cound not follow. Brother Stafford (pastor 1886-1888) supported me as best he could. The outcome was dreadful. Next day Mr. Ganson called me to one side and said, "Bennett, you sure played thunder with that music yesterday." Needless to say it was some time before I was eligible for the choir.

In making his quarterly conference report on June 25, 1887 the Reverend Mr. Stafford said, "The School has sustained a heavy loss in the recent death of Miss Ella Twitty, an accomplished organist." It seems that Mr. Bennett's unfortunate experience may have occurred during the time the church was without an

organist following Miss Twitty's death.
On April 15, 1891 The Lancaster Enterprise reported that:

The efficient choir of the Methodist Church was assisted in the morning and evening services by Prof. Herndon who used his cornet very much to the improvement of the uniformly good music of that choir.

Organists

Those who have given many years as faithful choir members are too numerous to mention. However among the organists who led them have been the following: Miss Ella Twitty, Mrs. N. G. B. Chafee, Miss Mae Ferguson, Mrs. R. A. Billings (Mrs. D. L. Robinson). A Professor Cline was the organist for the first pipe organ. He was followed by Miss Etta Skipper, Mrs. E. G. Wilson, Miss Lucile Roddey (Mrs. Edward W. Rushton), Miss Virginia Williams (Mrs. G. T. King, Jr.). (In 1936 after leaving Lancaster Miss Williams served as Georgia State Music chairman for the Daughters of the American Revolution. After her marriage to Mr. King she returned to Lancaster where she has made her home since.) Other organists include Mrs. C. W. Morrison who was active in the South Carolina Federation of Music Clubs: Miss Nancy Garrett, Miss Margaret Nims (Mrs. Oliver Carmichael), Louise Brigman Bowers (Mrs. Lloyd), Mrs. Belle Williams Douglas (Mrs. H. A.), Miss Helen Robinson, Mrs. C. C. Graves, Mrs. Van Mungo and Thomas F. Holland, Jr.

Of these Miss Robinson has served longer than anyone else. She was organist from 1932 through 1941 when she resigned to accept a position in the schools of Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1948 she returned to Lancaster and was again employed as organist by the Lancaster First Methodist Church. She served as both organist and minister of music through June 1960 at which time

she resigned.

Miss Robinson was active in the State Federation of Music Clubs. On two separate occasions she was invited by the State Federation to present some of her own original compositions, songs, at the State meetings. The Lancaster First Methodist Choirs have presented many excellent programs under her direction.

Carol Choir Organized

In 1950, Miss Mary Raye Freeman, educational director of the Lancaster First Methodist Church, organized a Junior choir. After Miss Freeman left, this group was reorganized by Miss Robinson in 1952 as the Carol Choir. In this work she was assisted by Ray Dennis, chairman of the Music Committee, and by three women of the church who were her faithful assistants for eight years, namely, Miss Sallie Anderson, Mrs. Jake D. Funderburk (former Nell Mackey) and Mrs. Boyce King (former Lenora Gladden).

During its first year the Carol Choir had an enrollment of 43 members. The membership increased every year and in 1960 reported an enrollment of 66 members. Usually attendance was almost perfect. On the Sundays the Carol Choir sings at First Methodist Church there is always a capacity congregation.

Other Carol Choir Activities

One of the best performances presented by this group was the World Friendship program given on November 22, 1953.

For four years, 1952-1955 the Lancaster First Methodist Carol Choir participated in the Children's Choir Festival sponsored by the American Guild of organists and went to Charlotte for the broadcast programs.

In 1955 and 1956 the Carol Choir assisted the Chancel Choir in giving a particularly good series of musical programs based on

choice hymns and anthems.

The Chorister Guild pins designate the number of years a child has been a member of the Carol Choir. At the end of the year the pin is returned and a new pin awarded in a public program usually given at an evening service in June. At the end of the fifth year the pin is given as a permanent award. Guild pins were first presented to the Lancaster First Methodist Carol Choir in 1954. By July, 1960 a total of 146 pins had been awarded by Miss Robinson.

New Leadership

In June, 1960 Mrs. C. C. Graves was employed as choir director. She served three months as both director and organist. In September Mrs. Van Mungo was employed as organist and Mrs. Graves retained as director. In the spring of 1961 Mrs. Mungo resigned as organist and Thomas F. Holland, Jr. was employed.





MISS ETTA SKIPPER

Miss Skipper was one of the first organists who played the pipe organ installed in the third church building, erected in 1909. Miss Skipper, active in church work throughout her life, has also served as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and as a member of the Board of Stewards in addition to various other offices.



WORLD FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

Carol Choir, Nov. 16, 1953

Left to right: - first row, Eleanor Williams, Judd Pardue, Donald Hinson, Julia Bethea, Rebekah Huggins, Johnsie McAteer, Dick Rowell, Sue Penegar, Maude Plyler, Connie Broadwater, Jane Williams, Leila Walton, Linda Dobson, Mary Hovis, Katherine Funderburk, Donny Hyatt; second row: - Miss Sallie Anderson, Malinda Ferguson, Stobo Brabham, Ruth Gage, Nancy Porter, Dan Whitehurst, Ben Sowell, Tommy Myers, John Chewning, James Bradley, Jr., Freddie King and Millon Plyler; third row: - Miss Helen Robinson, director and organist, Judy Funderburk, Harriett Moseley, Keenan Ezzell, Rachel Huggins, Julia Bowers, Nancy Kay Hunter, Helen K. Beckham, Jackie Deaton, Faye Miller, Elaine Morrison, Ellen Hardin, Gordon Plyler and Watkins Martin.



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST CAROL CHOIR, 1957

Carol Choir: - First row, 1 to r, Suzanne Tindal, Mary Ann Chewning, Marie Bowers, Clara Marshall, Will Tindal, Anna Monroe, Sara Neel Porter, Kay Carnes, Rachel Grier; second row, Strait Belk, Jr., Becky Miller, Pam Hester, Mary Harriett Plyler, Jennifer Starr, Sara Elliott Rowell, Brenda Ezzell, Mary Marshall, Ruth Davis, Debbie Frost, William Long; third row, Helen Robinson, choir director and organist, Rebecca Brigman, Harriett Ann Stevens, Malinda Porter, Merry Jordan, Cherry Marshall, Jimmy Overton, Jim Davis; fourth row, Chuck Hawkins, Marsha Steele, Betty Vassey, Jane Williams, Elizabeth La Pointe, Janice Bradley, Tommy Rowell; fifth row, Rev. J. H. Martin, pastor, Brenda Hardin, John Fulmer, Malinda Ferguson, Julia Ann Stewman, Mrs. J. D. Funderburk, assistant, Mrs. J. B. King, assistant, Otis E. Turner, Jr.; sixth row, Susan Miller, Rebecca Peurifoy, Frances Joye, Charles Cox, T. Carter Thomasson, Jr., Susan Barber, Justina Lasley, Janet Bradley, Linda Culp, Johnny Lasley; absent, Billy Bradley, John Evans and David Hurd.



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST CAROL CHOIR, 1961

Front row, 1 to r: Skippy Corn, Dan Parler, Libby Bowers, Phyllis Harper, Caron Carnes, Vicky Vick; 2nd row, Kathy Hardin, Beth Grier, Ed Parler, Teresa Boyd, Laura Overton, Mary Ann Chewning, Vicky Gantt, Mary Jane Peurifoy, John Humphries, Billy Hutchinson; 3rd row, Mary Hugh Williams, Cynthia Myers, Lee Montgomery, Lyn Porter, Jo Marshall, Candy King, Sue Jones, Cecile Dotson, John Sowell, Debbie Bell; 4th row, Tommy Thomasson, Strait Belk, Jr., Corky Holiday, Tommy Eggleton, Buster Mobley, Bob Mobley, Myra Sistare, Kay Monroe, Rachel Grier, Anna Monroe, Kay Carnes; 5th row, Cheryl Sapp, Suzanne Tindall, Marie Bowers, Harriett Ann Stevens, Mary Harriett Plyler, Martha Porter, Betty Vassey, Lynda Porter, Judy Vick, Ruth Davis, Becky Peurifoy; last row, Mrs. Rose Ann Mungo, organist, Mrs. C. C. Graves, director.



CHAPTER VII

LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST SONS IN THE MINISTRY

Five From Lancaster

Lancaster First Methodist has given five of her sons to the ministry and all five are living today, three still active in the work and two retired. They are the Reverends A. B. Ferguson, Curtis O. Bell, Joseph Huey Sowell, Charles Martin Blackmon and Donald Robert Bundy. Of these the Reverend A. B. Ferguson and Reverend C. O. Bell are now retired. A short sketch of the life of each of the five is included herewith for they are an important part of the history of Lancaster First Methodist Church.

The Reverend A. B. Ferguson

A. B. Ferguson, son of the late A. Brown Ferguson and his wife, Margaret Jordan Ferguson, was born at Catawba in Chester County on February 27, 1894. He moved to Lancaster with his parents where he united with the First Methodist Church in 1910. He attended the Lancaster schools then entered Wofford Fitting School from which he graduated in 1913. He attended Wofford College for two years then completed a Conference course at Emory University in Georgia.

On October 10, 1922 the Reverend A. B. Ferguson was married to Miss Ethel La Rue Grice. They have four daughters, Sarah, Martha, Edith and Ethel, and seven grandchildren. His mother, aged ninety-nine, is still a member of Lancaster First Methodist Church.

He has served the following appointments during his ministry: Graniteville, 1924-28; Duncan Circuit, 1928-30; Whaley Street, Columbia, 1930-36; Pelzer, 1938-38; Judson, Greenville, 1938-44; Main Street, Columbia, 1944-1957; Barnwell, 1957-59. He has now retired and is president of the Oaklawn Funeral Home of Columbia, South Carolina, the city in which he spent thirteen years as the pastor of Main Street Methodist Church where the

chapel is named for him, and six as pastor of the Whaley Street Methodist Church.

The Reverend Curtis O. Bell

Curtis O. Bell, born August 18, 1905, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hyatt Bell of Lancaster County. He is a brother to O. Roddey Bell, a member of the Lancaster First Methodist Church.

Curtis Bell attended Lancaster High School where he graduated in 1925. In 1929 he graduated from the University of South Carolina with an A.B. degree. After teaching school for two years he entered Duke University School of Religion where he studied a year, 1931-32. He was given his local preacher's license in 1931 and shortly thereafter preached his first sermon in his home church, Lancaster First Methodist Church. He was admitted to the Upper South Carolina Conference in 1932. He served his first pastorate in Warrenville, South Carolina. He entered school again in 1935 and studied a year, 1935-36, at Emory University in Georgia.

On June 4, 1932 he was married to Mary Louise Hinson, a Winthrop graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Hinson of Lancaster. They have two children, Roddey Cobb, who is married and has one small daughter; and Curtis Porter, who took his Ph.D. degree at the University of Georgia.

The Reverend Mr. Bell has held various pastorates in the Upper South Carolina Conference and South Carolina Conference, his last being that of the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Lancaster County. In the fall of 1960 he was granted a temporary leave of absence because of ill health. He and Mrs. Bell are now living in Greenville, South Carolina where he is recuperating.

The Reverend Charles Martin Blackmon

Charles Martin Blackmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Martin Blackmon of Lancaster, was born on December 1, 1921. Charles attended the Lancaster schools and graduated from the Lancaster High School in 1938. After working a year or two he entered Spartanburg Junior College and completed the two year course. He served overseas during World War II. Upon his release from the army he entered Wofford and graduated with an A.B. degree in 1948. In 1951 he completed a two year course at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois. He was admitted to full fellowship in the South Carolina Conference in June, 1951. He transferred shortly thereafter to the Indiana Conference and was assigned the pastorate of the Mountmorenci Methodist Church where he spent four

years. He is now in his fifth year (1960) at the Munster Methodist Church, Munster, Indiana.
On February 23, 1944 Charles was married to Gladys Belk,

On February 23, 1944 Charles was married to Gladys Belk, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Belk of Lake City, South Carolina.

The Reverend and Mrs. Blackmon have two daughters, Deborah Ann, aged seven years and Diane, aged four years.

The Reverend Joseph Huey Sowell

Joseph Huey Sowell, born May 5, 1925 in Lancaster, South Carolina, is the son of Louis A. Sowell and his wife, the late Bessie Huey Sowell. He entered the first grade in the Kershaw Grammar School in September 1931 but at the beginning of the year 1932 transferred to Lancaster Central School. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1942, entered Wofford College in September 1942 and completed the Freshman year.

He entered the army in July, $19\overset{7}{4}$ 3 and served with the 29th Infantry Division in Europe. He was given an honorable discharge

in April, 1946.

Joe Huey returned to Wofford in September, 1946 and graduated with an A.B. degree in June, 1949. That same fall he enrolled at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University and graduated with a B.D. degree in February, 1952.

After being received into the South Carolina Conference in full fellowship he was assigned the pastorate at McClellanville where he served 1951-52. He went next to Estill where he preached 1952-55 then to Chesnee, 1955-59. At present he is pastor of the Walhalla Methodist Church. He has been stationed there since 1959.

In June, 1958 the Reverend Joseph Huey Sowell was married to Miss Louise Worley of Canton, North Carolina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Worley.

The Reverend Donald Robert Bundy

Donald Robert Bundy, born August 19,1931, at Cheraw, South Carolina, is the son of Eula C. and L. K. Bundy of Lancaster. Don entered the Lancaster Elementary Schools in 1937 and graduated from the twelfth grade in the Lancaster High School in 1949. He attended Wofford College where he graduated with an A.B. degree in 1954. He studied for one year at the Candler School of Theology and at Emory University for one year. He transferred to Vanderbilt University where he graduated in 1957.

As a child Don united with the Lancaster First Methodist Church and was active in the work, particularly in the Youth De-

partment.

After joining the South Carolina Conference he was assigned to the pastorate which included the Van Wyck and Catawba Methodist Churches in Lancaster County. He served this charge for two years. He was then made the director of the South Carolina Conference Wesley Foundation with headquarters at the University of South Carolina, residence in Columbia, South Carolina. He is now January, 1961 in his second year in that position.

On June 5, 1954 he was married to Elizabeth (Beth) Kirkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Kirley of Easley, South Carolina. Don and Beth have a three year old daughter, Catherine

Kirkley Bundy, better known to all their friends as Cam.

CHAPTER VIII

LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST WOMAN'S WORK

Woman's Missionary Society in 1881

The Sumter District Conference met in the Lancaster Methodist Episcopal Church, South on July 28, 1881. At that Meeting the official delegates from the Lancaster Circuit were the Reverend J. W. Wolling, W. R. Bennett, R. E. Allison and J. R. Massey. The Reverend Mr. Wolling, pastor of the Lancaster Circuit of which the Lancaster Church was a part, made the following report in 1881. It is recorded under the head of 'Woman's Missionary Societies':

Lancasterville has one society in successful existence, one half the membership actively engaged. Members of other churches participating with the Methodist sisters. $^{\rm I}$

Early History as Related by Mrs. Riddle

In 1939 the author of this book was requested by Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Lancaster First Methodist Church, to assist in collecting material on the Woman's Society for an article for The Southern Christian Advocate. The final article was prepared by the Reverend P. L. Bauknight, pastor of the church. Mrs. Robert R. Riddle, former Lou Elliott, schoolteacher, active in the Lancaster Methodist Woman's work for approximately forty years, was one of the chief

2. Southern Christian Advocate, Oct. 26, 1939.

Wadesboro District Minutes, under head "Sumter District Minutes," pages 288-289. Methodist Archives, Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

sources of information. According to her statement the Woman's Missionary Society of the Lancaster First Methodist Church was organized in the John W. Twitty home with Miss Annie W. Twitty as hostess. The house, 106 South French Street, is now owned and occupied by Mrs. R. B. Robinson, Sr.

First President Lancaster Methodist W.F.M.S

Mrs. Riddle was also the authority for the statement that Sallie Mayer Lemmond (Mrs. W. D.) was the first president of the

Lancaster Methodist W.M.S., organized in 1881.

Sallie Mayer Lemmond, born in Lancaster in 1853, was the daughter of Andrew Mayer and his second wife, Margaret Caston Mayer. In 1874 Sallie Mayer and William D. Lemmond were married by the Reverend R. L. Harper. Mrs. Lemmond died in 1901 and lies buried beside her husband in the Lancaster Presbyterian cemetery on West Gay Street.

Other Charter Members

In addition to Mrs. Lemmond and Miss Annie Twitty other charter members were Mrs. Belle J. Nance, Jane Clifton Edwards (Mrs. W. L.), Mrs. John J. Graham, Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Mrs. J. M. Moore and Louisa F. Riddle Carter (Mrs. D. J.)

Others who may have been charter members were: Miss Annie Caston, Ella Crawford Brown (Mrs. W. McD.), Susan Boyd Hull (Mrs. J. J.), Mrs. K. G. Billings, Mrs. W. F. Swearengin, Mrs. H. D. Twitty and Mrs. Andrew Mayer, Sr.

First Existing Recorded Minutes

The first existing recorded Minutes of the Lancaster Woman a Missionary Society are dated April 4, 1898 and were signed by Miss Addie Carter (Mrs. J. T. Thomasson, Sr.), secretary. At that meeting Miss Carter resigned and Miss Minnie Miller was elected

to take her place as secretary.

On June 8, 1898 the following list of names presumably the roll, was included in the Minutes: Mrs. Moore, president; Mrs. (Rhoda) Riddle, Mrs. Carlisle, Miss Rolins, Mrs. (Mollie) Hood, Mrs. (Belle) Nance, Mrs. (Mary) Johnson, Mrs. Lemmond, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. McCrolley, Miss Addie Carter, Mrs. J. P. Hunter, Miss M. Miller, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Poovey.

On March 20, 1899 the officers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. Maggie Moore, president; Mrs. J. M. Riddle (Rhoda),

treasurer; Mrs. Belle Nance, recording secretary; Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, corresponding secretary and Mrs. W. D. Lemmond, agent

for the Woman's Missionary Advocate.

At the meeting of the Lancaster Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on September 4,1899 the secretary distributed the Minutes of the South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society which met in McColl that year.

On August 6, 1900 an effort was made to make the meetings more interesting. The Society began the custom of reading a con-

tinued story taken from the Woman's Advocate.

On September 3, 1900 the Lancaster Methodist Woman's Missionary Society reported the loss of two members as follows: "Mrs. Moore who goes to Columbia College" and "Mrs. Johnson (Lavinia) who goes to Cheraw."

In April, 1901 Mrs. Mary Johnson signed the <u>Minutes</u> along with Miss Minnie Miller, secretary. On May 6, 1901 Miss Miller was appointed to draw up "suitable resolutions on the death of

Mrs. Lemmond, one of our beloved members."

Ladies Aid Society

In addition to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the women of the church organized a Home Missionary or Ladies Aid Society. On January 15, 1892 the Reverend E. G. Price, pastor of the Lancaster Methodist Church, reported that the church intended to organize a Parsonage Aid Society. Whether there had been one before that time we do not know.

On March 23, 1892 The Lancaster Enterprise published an invitation from "the Ladies And (Aid) Society" of the Methodist Church to the public to attend a "musicale at the residence of Mr. J. M. Heath." "A contribution box will be in a conspicuous place to which we most respectfully invite the attention of all." The following program began at 8:00 P.M.:

Instrumental Solo ----- Miss Minnie Miller

Chorus:- In The Starlight--- Misses Lemmond,
Riddle and Carter.

Vocal Solo:------ Mrs. Smith
Instrumental Solo:----- Miss Ola Payseur

Vocal Duet------ Mrs. Dr. Walker and
Mrs. F. M. Jones

Recitation------ Mrs. T. Y. Williams

Chorus:-Come to The Mountains
---- Misses Riddle, Lemmond,
Miller, Cloyd, Young and
Messers Garrison and Smith

Instrumental Duet (Guitar):- Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Price
 and Prof. Smith

Original Essay:	Miss Mamie Allison
Comic Round	by six young ladies
Vocal Duet	
Song:	Mrs. Hood, Jones, Walker
	and W. A. Davis
Vocal Solo	Mrs. E. G. Price
Vocal Trio:	Misses Young, Carter
	& Riddle
Solo and Chorus	2
	others.

During the years that followed such entertainments were given frequently. On the evening of August 29, 1901 those who took part on the program given at the home of Major J. M. Riddle were: Misses Bessie and Mamie Jones, Minnie Clyburn, Hattie Miller, Corinne Jones, Messers Elliott and Johnson, Misses Nannie McCardell, Isobel Davis, Lessie Johnson, Lillian Gregory, Adele Lemmond and Messers R. B. Allison and Quay Hood. At this entertainment refreshments were offered for sale. Money thus collected by the Ladies Aid Society was used to help furnish the church and the parsonage.

Mrs. R. R. Riddle, Outstanding Leader

In March, 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Riddle moved to Lancaster from the Buford section where they had been members of the Hopewell Methodist Church. Mrs. Riddle, the former Lou Elliott, born April 9, 1866 was the daughter of Richard and Caroline Shute Elliott. She was born and reared in the Tabernacle community near Buford. Mrs. Riddle died in Lancaster on June 16, 1945 and lies buried beside her husband in the Lancaster Westside cemetery.

Mrs. Riddle, a former schoolteacher, soon became a leader in the Lancaster First Methodist Church. She was active in Sunday School work. The Lou Riddle Woman's Bible Class was named in her honor. Her name is inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, Bennett Memorial, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Riddle was elected president of the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in March, 1902, the same month she and Mr. Riddle moved into town. She served in that office eight years, 1902-1910, then, as will be seen, continued as president of the new organization, the Woman's Missionary Society formed by the union of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She also taught a Bible Class.

During Mrs. Riddle's term of office the church burned on February 22, 1908. Minutes of the Society show that during the following months the W.F.M.S. held several of their meetings in

FORMER JOHN W. TWITTY HOME 106 S. French Street

now home of Mrs. R. B. Robinson, Sr., is the house where the Lancaster Methodist Woman's Missionary Society was organized about 1881.



MRS. R. R. RIDDLE

was active in all phases of the Lancaster Methodist Church work, but more particularly in that of the Woman's Missionary Society. The Lou Riddle Bible Class was named for her.



the court house.

The Home and Foreign Missionary Societies Unite

In 1910, following the trend of the times and the Conference regulations, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Lancaster First Methodist Church united to form the new Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. R. R. Riddle, president of the W.F.M.S., was elected first president of the W.M.S. an office she held through 1924, thus completing twelve consecutive years as president of the two organizations.

Woman's Work Makes Progress

In 1915 Mrs. R. R. Riddle was succeeded as president by Mrs. George W. Williams. In June, 1915 Mrs. David N. Bourne, corresponding secretary of the Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society, visited the Lancaster First Methodist W.M.S. The women of Lancaster entertained for Mrs. Bourne with a tea on Saturday afternoon at which time she spoke to the group. On Sunday she "made another inspiring talk."

Mrs. Williams was succeeded by Mrs. J. O. Porter and she in turn was followed by Mrs. E. R. Mason as president of the W.M.S. Mrs. Mason was the wife of the pastor. In 1921 Mrs. Riddle was elected president again. This time she served through 1924, a period of four years, making a total of sixteen years this devoted woman served as leader of the women of her church.

The Annual Report Lancaster W.M.S., 1924

An old 1924 Woman's Missionary Society yearbook, entitled "The Illumined Task" carries a handwritten report in the back pages for the year 1924. Under the head of "Report of Circles 1-2-3-4" it was as follows:

Circle No 1:-Mrs. (E. C.) Wilson, leader, Collected a total of \$104.55

Circle No 2:-Miss Etta Skipper, leader, Collected a total of \$202.50

Circle No 3:-Mrs. (E. P.)Plyler, leader Collected a total of \$109.00.

Circle No 4:-Mrs. (R. P.) Horton, leader Collected \$170.00.

Pres	Mrs. R. R. Riddle
V-pres	Mrs. John Reed
Rec. sec	Miss Pearl Miller
Cor. sec	Mrs. A. C. Carnes
Treas	Mrs. B. Cauthen
	Mrs. J. O. Porter
Supt Mission Study	Mrs. Malley Ferguson
Supt. Publicity	Mrs. Ruth R. Wilson
Supt. Local Work	Mrs. R. S. Stewart
Supt. Social Service	Miss Etta Skipper
Supt. Supplies	
Supt. Young People	Mrs. R. L. Wertz
Supt. Children	Mrs. Tom Harper
Assist. Supt. Children	Mrs. E. P. Plyler
Program Committee	Mrs. E. P. Plyler
110gram Committee	Mrs. T. J. Harper
	Mrs. R. B. Mackey
Bunrow Com	
Prayer Com	Mrs. J. L. Daniel
Sup. Campaign	Mrs. G. M. Plyler
	Miss Etta Skipper
	Mrs. Horton
Local Service Com	Miss Skipper, Mrs. Stewart,
	Mrs. Geo. Parr, Mrs. Carl
	Bennett, Mrs. J. H. Carnes,
	Mrs. A. C. Carnes.
Local Committee	Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Williams,
	Mrs. Foster Cannon
Com. on charts and posters:	
	Mrs. Shilito and Mrs.
	Geo. Parr

Committee on Missionary Voice:

Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Poovey

Woman's Missionary Society Roll, 1924

Circle No 1

Mrs.	E. C. Wilson,	1eader	Mrs.	R. S.	Stewart
Mrs.	Will Reed		Mrs.	Hyatt	
Mrs.	Berry Cauthen		Mrs.	Belle	Nance
Miss	M. C. Call		Mrs.	J. P.	Hunter
Mrs.	Carl Bennett		Miss	Pear1	Miller
Mrs.	J. L. Daniel		Mrs.	R. R.	Riddle

Circle No. TT

Miss Etta Skipper, leader

Mrs. Foster Cannon Mrs. Geo. C. Carnes

Miss Lillian Carnes Mrs. R. B. Mackey

Mrs. Tom Harper Mrs. L. C. Lazenby Mrs. Ernest Roddey

Mrs. G. W. Poovey

Mrs. Will Langley

Mrs. Minnie Cauthen Mrs. Geo. Parr

Mrs. Pat Shilito

Mrs. C. B. Skipper Mrs. Malley Ferguson

Mrs. Millon Plyler

Mrs. Hacker Billings

Circle No. III

Mrs. Robert P. Horton, leader

Mrs. Geo. W. Williams

Mrs. J. L. Reed Mrs. J. H. Carnes

Mrs. R. L. Wertz

Mrs. Jim Ferguson

Mrs. Pierce Horton

Mrs. Theo R. Humphries

Mrs. Moorefield Mrs. Snider

Mrs. W. M. Howell

Circle No. IV

Mrs. E. P. Plyler, leader

Mrs. J. O. Porter

Mrs. A. C. Carnes Mrs. T. L. Hilton

Mrs. Jane Edwards Mrs. J. T. Thomasson

Mrs. G. L. Giles

Mrs. F. R. Hay Mrs. W. H. Terry

Mrs. R. D. Rowell

Mrs. R. B. Allison Mrs. Oscar Porter

Miss Cottingham

Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess

Miss Ethel Jackson, born in Florida on January 2, 1867 was the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Grafton Jackson. She came to South Carolina as a child when her parents returned to Chester County about 1871. Her father died shortly thereafter. Ethel grew up wanting to be a missionary. Instead she spent the first part of her life caring for her invalid mother. After her mother's death she was happy to have the opportunity to serve at Epworth Orphanage but was forced to give that up to come to Lancaster to help her brother care for his five motherless sons, 1901-1904. One of these boys was the late Lawrence Jackson of Lancaster. While in Lancaster Ethel attended Lancaster First Methodist Church where she took active part. When her brother remarried she entered Scarritt College and prepared herself for work as a deaconess. She served in that capacity from 1907 through 1934. After a successful career the church gave her a

trip to the Orient. She spent her last years in Mill Valley, California where she died on August 19, 1958. She was laid to rest in the Mount Tamalpais Cemetery at San Rafael not far from Mill Valley. 3

W.M.S. Changes Name to W.S.C.S., 1940

When the Methodist Episcopal Church, South united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1939 it was only natural that the Women's Missionary societies of the three branches should have adjustments and changes to make.

During the time of adjustment the women of the Lancaster First Methodist Church had a representative on the Jurisdiction rolls in the person of Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler who was elected to serve for a quadrennium as one of the six delegates from the Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society. Mrs. Plyler attended the meeting at Richmond, Virginia where the Unification of the Women's Societies of the three uniting churches took place. Thereafter the woman's organization in the new Methodist Church was called the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Wesleyan Service Guild was organized for business women.

During her term of service Mrs. Plyler also attended a meeting at Nashville, Tennessee.

Lancaster First Methodist W.S.C.S. Organized

September 3, 1940

The birthday of the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service falls on September 3. The transition from the Woman's Missionary Society to the W.S.C.S. was made during the presidency of Nelle Gilland Parr (Mrs. A. D.) in 1940. The Business Women's Circle changed to the Wesleyan Service Guild, in accordance with the new set-up and Mrs. E. P. Plyler was its first president.

The Minutes of the Lancaster First Methodist W.S.C.S.'s transitional meeting are on file among the records in the Lou Riddle Class Room. They are as follows:

^{3.} World Outlook, "Mountain Top Messages," Feb., 1947; undated clipping, "One Woman's Viewpoint" from a Mill Valley newspaper and other information, courtesy Miss Blanche Jackson, Mill Valley, California, niece Miss Ethel Jackson.



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST W.S.C.S., JANUARY 16, 1951

(For identification see next page)

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY

LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST W.S.C.S.

First row, 1 to r: - Rev. Thomas Kemmerlin and Mrs. Kemmerlin, Mrs. W. A. McWaters, Mrs. J. P. Horton, Mrs. W. F. Ballard, Jr., Mrs. H. C. Floyd, Mrs. G. B. Heath, Mrs. A. D. Parr, Mrs. Cecil Harper, Mrs. Chester Pardue, Mrs. Gordon Boyd;

Second row, 1 to r: - Mrs. Joe Moseley, Miss Etta Skipper, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Mrs. Ray Dennis, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. John Riddle, Mrs. H. A. Funderburk, Mrs. Cecil Funderburk, Mrs. Charles Caskey, Mrs. Odell Hagins, Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, Mrs. E. L. Scruggs, Mrs. Sallie M. Long, Miss Carrie Funderburk, Mrs. G. T. King, Miss Riitta Hyppola, Mrs. Horace Plyler, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. G. H. Brigman, Mrs. P. H. Emanuel, and Mrs. J. C. Hubbard;

Third row, 1 to r: - Miss Judy Bolt, Mrs. C. D. Duncan, Mrs. E. R. Klutz, Mrs. P. E. Smith, Miss Helen Robinson, Mrs. T. B. Ferguson, Miss Mildred Billings, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, Mrs. H. G. Beckham, Mrs. J. R. Evans, Mrs. James Bradley, Mrs. Carl Cleveland, Mrs. Jas. Catledge, Mrs. J. O. Taylor;

Fourth row, 1 to r: - Mrs. Geo. Parr, Mrs. Ed Parler, Miss Sallie Anderson, Mrs. J. W. McElrath, Mrs. R. H. Billings, Mrs. J. B. Lasley, Mrs. W. C. Hawkins, Mrs. J. P. Horton, Jr., Mrs. J. T. Thomasson, Jr., Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mrs. E. P. Plyler, Mrs. A. D. Eidson, Mrs. H. G. Huntley, Miss Evelyn Bagley;

Fifth row, 1 to r: - Mrs. Foy McWhirter, Mrs. Carl Bennett, Mrs. A. W. Hagins, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. H. P. Walker, Mrs. W. F. Ballard, Mrs. A. B. Maness, Mrs. J. D. Funderburk, Mrs. W. A. King, Mrs. H. N. Cannon, Mrs. O. R. Bell, Mrs. Jas. A. Hinceman, Mrs. W. E. Gantt, Mrs. Randolph Plyler.

"The women of the (Lancaster) First Methodist Church met Sept. 3, 1940 for the purpose of organizing the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Reverend Mr. Griffith (pastor) was in charge of the meeting and gave a short talk on the success of the woman's work in the church. After the purpose of the organization was read Mrs. (H. C.) Floyd took charge of the enrolling of the members who marched quietly to the front (of the church) and wrote their names on the new roll. While fiftynine members enrolled the following hymns were sung: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," 'Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life" and "I Love to Tell The Story."

The nominating committee consisting of Mrs. R. V. Davis, Mrs. W. A. Lynn and Mrs. C. P. Funderburk submitted the names of

the following officers:

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Honorary President ----- Mrs. R. R. Riddle
President ----- Mrs. A. D. Parr
Vice-President ----- Mrs. Henry Beckham
Cor. Sec. ----- Mrs. W. M. Blackmon
Rec. Sec. ----- Mrs. Talmadge Ferguson
Treasurer ----- Mrs. J. M. Bailes
Assist. Treasurer ----- Mrs. R. S. Stewart
Publicity & Printing ----- Mrs. J. B. Reynolds
Sec. Local Work ----- Mrs. E. C. Wilson
Sec. Supplies ----- Mrs. G. Millon Plyler
Sec. Christian Social
  Relations and Local
 Church Activities ----- Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler
Sec. Literature and
 Publications ----- Mrs. W. Tom Myers
Sec. Missionary
 Education ----- Mrs. H. C. Floyd
Sec. Children's Work ----- Mrs. S. E. Hough
Sec. Baby Division ----- Mrs. Henry Mathis
Sec. Young Women and
              Girls ---- Mrs. A. F. Giles
Spiritual Life Chairman --- Mrs. Boyd Craig
Sec. Student Work ----- Mrs. R. C. Griffith
Chrm. Visiting Com ----- Mrs. J. P. Horton
Member Board Christian
          Education ----- Miss Mildred Billings
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Circle Chairmen:

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Eliza Skipper Circle ---- Mrs. J. C. Hubbard
Jane Edwards ------ Mrs. Richard Rowell
(Resigned in spring and
was succeeded by Mrs.
P. H. Emanuel.)
Mary Johnson ------ Mrs. H. N. Cannon
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Mollie Hood ----- Mrs. Latta Hood Rhoda Riddle ----- Mrs. O. R. Bell

Wesleyan Service Guild ---- Mrs. E. P. Plyler

The report was unanimously accepted. The Reverend Mr. Griffith installed the newly elected officers in an impressive ceremony.

Mrs. A. D. Parr then took the chair. She announced a Conference would be held in Union on October 15, 1940. Mrs. Parr was elected as delegate and Mrs. H. C. Floyd as alternate. Mrs. Parr announced that hereafter the work of the new organization would run from January to January.

The Circles reported (number members present) as follows: Mollie Hood, 9; Rhoda Riddle, 6; Mary Johnson, 21; Jane Edwards, 9; Eliza Skipper, 19; Business Women, 2.

The free will offering amounted to \$7.60. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Parr.

Signed:

Mrs. A. D. Parr, President Ruby S. Ferguson (Mrs. T. B.), Secretary.

The above record shows that there were 58 circle members and Mrs. Parr, the president, making a total of 59 women who enrolled that afternoon in the church sanctuary as charter members of the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Twenty Years of Progress, 1940-1960

In December, 1941 the United States was plunged into World War II. For four years the women of the Lancaster W.S.C.S. carried on their work and helped with the local Red Cross work. They served as hostesses in the reading room which was set up in the Men's Bible Classroom for soldiers; they entertained the soldiers in their homes and wrote letters by the hundreds in the effort to help the churches of America keep in touch with its service men.

With these extra duties they carried on the work of the W.S.C.S. just as effectively as usual. Mission studies were well attended and the usual credits won. Circle attendance was good and the Visiting Committee was active.

Following the close of the war the Society continued to grow. In 1939 the W.M.S. had reported a membership of 138. It is taken for granted that the majority of these eventually added their names to those of the 59 charter members of the W.S.C.S.

At the beginning of 1960, twenty years later the enrollment shows a gain of 70 members, an average of 3.5 members per year. The church reported a membership of 642 in 1939. In 1960 there were over one thousand names on the roll. Approximately one-sixth of the new members were women who had enrolled in the W.S.C.S.

In 1951 the Lancaster W.S.C.S. began the custom of preparing handbooks for each circle member. By 1953 each handbook included all circle rolls and officers and officers of the W.S.C.S. With the names on file the women found it easier to become acquainted with the entire membership and a greater spirit of friendliness pervaded the organization.

1960 W.S.C.S. Officers

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President		
Vice-president	Mrs.	W. M. Blackmon
Secretary	Mrs.	Willis Ballard, Jr.
reasurer	Mrs.	James Bradlev
Secretaries:		
Fall Mission Study	Mrs.	Thomas Kemmerlin
Christian Education		Mildred Billings
Youth Work		Chester Pardue
Promotion		J. R. Evans
Children's Work		
Student Work &	LIT 9 .	A. D. Paness
Service Men	Mrs.	W. E. Gantt
Publications	Mrs.	Randolph Plyler
Christian Social		
Relations	Mrs.	Ed M. Parler
Spiritual Life	Mrs.	O. R. Bell
Supply Work	Mrs.	J. B. Lasley
Communion		W. B. Sowell
	Mrs.	Howard Penegar
am on am on on on		Radford Ellis
		Woodrow Culp
		Carrie Funderburk
Publicity	Mrs.	Wade Corn
Parsonage	Mrs.	P. E. Smith
*****	Mrs.	Walter King
Yearbook		John Chewning
Visit. Chairman		H. N. Cannon
Cards		
Pianist		
Local Church		44800
Activities	Mrs.	Gordon Boyd
Buyer & Custodian		
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Kitchen ----- Mrs. W. F. Ballard, Sr.
---- Mrs. Latta Hood
---- Mrs. Richard Kay
Nominating Committee --- Mrs. Walter King
---- Mrs. P. E. Smith
---- Mrs. J. C. Hubbard

CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN

CO-CHAIRMAN

Esther Harper -- Mrs. F. S. McWhirter --- Mrs. Chester Pardue
Eliza Skipper -- Mrs. J. C. Hubbard ---- Mrs. H. C. Floyd
Mollie Hood ---- Mrs. Charles Bundy ---- Mrs. Thos. Kemmerlin
Rhoda Riddle --- Mrs. P. H. Emanuel, Sr.-- Mrs. J. P. Horton, Sr.
Jane Edwards --- Mrs. James F. Jackson -- Mrs. James Hinceman
Mary Johnson --- Mrs. A. B. Maness ----- Mrs. Joe Whitehurst

Co-ordinator: Miss Etta Skipper

The circles meet at various times, morning, afternoon and evening thus giving the women a choice of the time for attending most convenient for each individual.

The Wesleyan Service meets in the evenings and is made up almost entirely of business women.

Wesleyan Service Guild Officers, 1960-61

President Vice-president		W. A. McWaters Guy Crenshaw, Sr.
Recording sec		Helen Robinson
Promotion sec		C. D. Davis
Treasurer	Mrs.	George Humphries
Co-ordinator	Miss	Etta Skipper
Missionary Education		
and Service	Miss	Mildred Billings
Christian Social Rela-		
tions and Local		
Church Activities		
Supply Work		
Publicity	Mrs.	Robert Hardin
Literature &		
Publications		
Spiritual Life		
Membership	Mrs.	J. M. Ferguson

Lancaster W.S.C.S. Celebrates 20th Birthday

On January 16, 1961 the W.S.C.S. held a belated birthday party. Mrs. G. B. Heath, president, opened the meeting then turned it over for the program to Mrs. J. R. Evans, promotional secretary. Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, a charter member, brought greetings to all present. Mrs. J. C. Long led in a short devotional. Mrs. J. R. Evans gave a short history of the Woman's work in the Lancaster church. She paid special tribute to Mrs. R. R. Riddle after which she called Mrs. A. D. Parr to the chair.

Mrs. A. D. Parr, first president of the W.S.C.S. when it was organized on September 3, 1940, was presented a corsage in honor of the occasion. Mrs. T. B. Ferguson, first recording secretary, read the Minutes of the Organizational meeting. Fifteen of the twenty six officers elected in 1940 were present for the 1960 party. They were in addition to Mrs. Parr and Mrs. Ferguson: Mrs. H. G. Beckham, Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Mrs. H. DeWitt Plyler, Mrs. H.C. Floyd, Mrs. H. A. Funderburk (Mrs. S. E. Hough), Mrs. J. P. Horton, Sr., Mrs. J. C. Hubbard, Mrs. H. N. Cannon, Mrs. O. R. Bell, and Mrs. E. P. Plyler.

Mrs. E. C. Wilson introduced Miss Riita Hyppola of Helsinki, Finland, an Exchange student who is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their daughter, Elizabeth. Riita is a Lutheran but attends the Lancaster First Methodist Church with the Wilson family. On week days she attends the Lancaster High School where she is a member of the twelfth grade. As a part of the afternoon's program Riita played several selections on the Kantele, musical instrument of Finland. She wore her Finnish costume.

During the social hour Mrs. Parr cut and served the birthday cake while Mrs. Heath poured tea. Refreshments were prepared and served by Mrs. Cecil Harper and members of the Rhoda Riddle and Mary Johnson circles, hostesses for the afternoon.

Special (Life) Membership Awards

Among the Lancaster women of the Methodist Church who have been presented Special Life Membership pins and certificates are the following: Mary Simril Johnson (Mrs. J. L.), Lou Elliott Riddle (Mrs. R. R.), Esther Byrd Harper (Mrs. T. J.), Lula Taylor Funderburk (Mrs. C. P.), Sadie Davis King (Mrs. W. C.), Isabel Blakeley Bell (Mrs. O. R.), Robbie Blackmon Myers (Mrs. G. T.), Viola Caston Floyd (Mrs. H. C.), Nell Mackey Funderburk (Mrs. J. D.), Adele Aaron Hubbard (Mrs. J. C.), Addie Carter Thomasson (Mrs. J. T.), Mildred Caskey McWaters (Mrs. W. A.), Miss Etta Skipper, Betty Ballard Hough Funderburk (Mrs. H. A.), Blanche

Flowe Steele (Mrs. S. S.), Mattie Adams Plyler (Mrs. H. DeWitt), Bessie Robinson Plyler (Mrs. E. P.), Nelle Gilland Parr (Mrs. A. D.), Beth Broach Scruggs (Mrs. E. L.), Betty Carnes Evans (Mrs. J. R.), Ann Hoyle Smith (Mrs. R. F.), Bessie Steele McJunkin (Mrs. C. C.), Eva Cook Crenshaw (Mrs. G. B., Sr.), Annie Sue Broadwater Beckham (Mrs. H. G., Sr.), Victoria Sherrill Plyler (Mrs. G. M.) and Mary Hough Emanuel (Mrs. P. H., Sr.).

The W.S.C.S. has also bestowed three Special Youth Memberships, namely Pricilla Porter (now Mrs. James Deaton), Wilma Skinner and Dorcas Giles. Among those who have been awarded Special Baby Membership certificates are: Sydna Lee McWhirter, Quay Charles Hunter, Blakeley Koves Bell, Lamar Bethea, Jr., Mary Katherine Hawkins, Charles Henry Overton, Willis Dabbs Bethea, Elizabeth Ann Plyler, Jesse Lou Rabley, Thomas Archie Sapp, Jr., and Margaret Allison Thomasson.

The Rock Hill District W.S.C.S. presented Mrs. W. M. Black-mon a Special Membership pin and certificate because of faithful service in the district.

Those for Whom the Society Circles Are Named

At present there are six circles in the Lancaster First Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service. Each circle is named for some woman who during her life was an active member of the Lancaster Woman's Missionary Society. The circles are the Mary Johnson, the Rhoda Riddle, the Jane Edwards, the Mollie Hood, the Eliza Skipper and the Esther Harper.

Mary Johnson

Mary Simril Johnson, born in Chester County on June 27,1838, was the daughter of John Davidson Simril and his wife, Margaret Clinton Simril. Mary Simril was married on April 2, 1857 to James H. Johnson. In 1889 she moved to Lancaster to be near her daughters, Mrs. Mollie Perry and Mrs. Belle Nance. She became active in the Woman's Missionary Society soon after coming to Lancaster. She served as president of the Society one year, from March 1901 to March, 1902. She also held other offices. She taught a class of Sabbath School boys till her health failed about a year before her death. In April, 1906 Mrs. Johnson was given a Life Membership certificate -- which is now on file among the church records. She died on May 25, 1922 and was buried in Chester.



LANCASTER W.S.C.S. TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY January 16, 1961

Left to right: - Mrs. G. B. Heath, 1960-61 president W.S.C.S.; Mrs. A. D. Parr, 1940 president; and Miss Riitta Hyppola, Exchange Student from Finland.



MRS. H. DEWITT PLYLER

Conference delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service organizational meeting at Richmond, Virginia 1940.

Jane Edwards

Jane E. Clifton Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, was born at Fort Lawn on June 4, 1840. She died June 22, 1928 and is buried in the Lancaster Presbyterian cemetery beside her husband, W. L. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards came from a family who were active in public service. One brother, a minister, was a member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference and another brother who migrated to Texas attained the rank of judge. Mrs. Edwards was a devoted and loyal member of the Lancaster First Methodist Church and of the Woman's Missionary Society in which she held various offices. The minutes record that her name was placed "on the Memorial Roll" but specified no one roll. Mrs. Edwards was particularly noted for her quick Irish wit and charm. She was the mother of the late John C. Edwards of Lancaster.

Eliza Skipper

Eliza Bond Skipper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond, was born September 12, 1864 in the eastern part of Maryland. She died in Lancaster on September 21, 1930 and lies buried beside her husband in the Lancaster Westside cemetery. She was the wife of C. B. Skipper. They came to Lancaster in 1895 when Mr. Skipper was employed to supervise the installation of the machinery in the first Lancaster Cotton Mill. Mr. and Mrs. Skipper were the parents of three children, namely, Etta, E. Lee and Guy (Mrs. W. E. Cameron). Both Mr. and Mrs. Skipper were active members of the Lancaster First Methodist Church. Their daughter, Miss Etta Skipper, was the first leader of the circle named for her mother.

Rhoda Riddle

Rhoda Stewman Riddle, daughter of William N. and Hannah Belk Stewman, was born in 1842. She was sister to Judge J. E. Stewman and to Samuel B. Stewman, both of whom have descendants active in the Lancaster First Methodist Church today. Rhoda Riddle attended the famous old Moravian Salem College, (Winston) Salem, North Carolina. She married James M. Riddle, son of Thomas S. Riddle who was a member and local preacher in the Lancaster Methodist Church. Mrs. Rhoda Riddle was treasurer of the Lancaster Methodist Woman's Missionary Society for about twenty years. She died in 1922 and was buried in the Lancaster Westside cemetery. Among children were Mr. John Riddle and the late Mrs. Will Reed.



MRS. J. M. HOOD 1857-1917 for whom

MOLLIE HOOD CIRCLE was named



MRS. JAMES M. RIDDLE 1842-1922 for whom

RHODA RIDDLE CIRCLE was named



MRS. T. J. HARPER 1893-1941 for whom

ESTHER HARPER CIRCLE was named



MRS. C. B. SKIPPER 1864-1930 for whom

ELIZA SKIPPER CIRCLE was named



LANCASTER FIRST METHODIST WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD June, 1961

First row, 1 to r: - Mrs. E. P. Plyler, Mrs. S. E. Rodgers, Mrs. A. A. Lynch, Mrs. Mae Taylor, Mrs. W. A. McWaters, Mrs. Irene Sistare, Mrs. C. M. Krepps, Mrs. Irene Ferguson, Mrs. E. D. Rankin, Mrs. Kenneth Belk, Mrs. S. S. Steele.

Second row, 1 to r: - Mrs. H. A. Funderburk, co-ordinator, Miss Carrie Funderburk, Mrs. John McAteer, Miss Ruby Clyburn, Mrs. E. C. Taylor, Mrs. Brice Hinson, Miss Mildred Billings, Mrs. J. C. Pace, Mrs. Geo. Humphries, Mrs. Guy Crenshaw, Sr., Mrs. W. S. Collins, Mrs. Charlie Caskey, Mrs. C. D. Duncan.

Third row, 1 to r: - Mrs. Robert Hardin, Mrs. C. D. Davis, Miss Helen Robinson, Mrs. C. C. McJunkin, Mrs. R. H. Billings, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Myers, Miss Irene Stewman, Mrs. D. C. Baker, Miss Sallie Anderson, Mrs. Maude Broughton, Mrs. A. C. King, Mrs. Lillian Carnes Hegler (former member), Mrs. Albert Rankin, Mrs. Thelma Powell and Miss Etta Skipper, 1960-1961 co-ordinator.

1936-1937	500 See day last 5.7 See dec 400 See dec 400	Mrs.	Margaret C. Blackmon
1937-1939		Mrs.	H. DeWitt Plyler
1940-1943		Mrs.	A. D. Parr
1944-1946		Mrs.	E. L. Scruggs
1947-1949		Miss	Etta Skipper
1949-1951		Mrs.	S. E. Hough
			H. G. Beckham
1952-1953		Mrs.	J. R. Evans
			Walter King
1955-1958		Mrs.	H. A. Funderburk (Mrs.
		S.	E. Hough)
1958-1960		Mrs.	J. R. Evans
1960-		Mrs.	G. B. Heath

Rock Hill District Workers from Lancaster

Since 1881 there have been many women from the Lancaster Methodist Church who have served as officers or Committee chairmen in the woman's work of Rock Hill (formerly Chester) District. Listed here as those women who have served as District officers only during the years the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been an organization, 1940 through the present year of 1960. They are:

Mrs. W. M. Blackmon, 1946-1948, Zone Leader; also June, 1948 for about six years, 1948-54 was Rock Hill District Secretary the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Blackmon, with the assistance of Mrs. Ida Belle Wilson Caskey, helped to organize the Wesleyan Service Guild at the Lynwood Drive Methodist Church; she also helped organize the Lynwood Drive W.S.C.S. With the assistance of Mrs. A. D. Parr and Mrs. H. N. Cannon she organized the W.S.C.S. at Camp Creek Methodist Church and assisted by Mrs. J. H. Martin and Mrs. S. E. Hough organized the W.S.C.S. at the Trinity Methodist church. From June 1948 through 1953 Mrs. Blackmon was District Secretary of Christian Social Relations; 1955-1960, Zone Leader.

Mrs. H. A. Funderburk (former Mrs. S. E. Hough) served as Rock Hill District Secretary of Christian Social Relations from January 1949 through June, 1952; June 1952 and 1953 as Assistant Treasurer; since 1953 she has held the office of District Treasurer.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd, Secretary Young Women and Girls' Work, 1943-1945; Secretary Youth Work, Rock Hill District, 1945-1946.

Miss Etta Skipper, Secretary Status of Women and Girls' Work in the district, 1945; Recording Secretary, 1949-1950.

Mrs. W. E. Gantt, District Secretary Supply Work, 1949-1951; she has been Zone leader since 1960.

Mrs. W. A. McWaters has been District Recording Secretary

since 1958.

Mrs. J. R. Evans, District Secretary of Supply Work, 1960

in which capacity she is still serving.

At present this record shows, there are four members from the Lancaster First Methodist Church serving as District officers or secretaries, namely, Mrs. H. A. Funderburk, Mrs. W. A. McWaters, Mrs. W. E. Gantt and Mrs. J. R. Evans.

Looking to The Future

The woman's work has been a vital part of the church since the women organized their first missionary society about 1881. The women are active in the Church School work. New officers in both organizations have taken their places and promise to continue the successful completion of their set tasks in a manner that will be worthy of those leaders who have gone before them.

May God grant that as we glory in our church and in its achievements we not forget to nourish the spiritual as well as

the temporal side of life.

"I was glad when they said unto me 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

MRS. W. M. BLACKMON (Right)

Dist. Sec. W.S.G., 1947-53; Zone leader, 1946-48; Sec. Christian Social Relations, 1952-53; Zone leader, 1955-1960.



ETHEL JACKSON (Above)
DEACONESS

Lancaster Methodist Church has never had a missionary to go out from its fold but Miss Jackson desired foreign service. Because of her health and age she was assigned home missionary work instead. She entered Scarritt College in 1904 and upon the completion of her work there served as deaconess 1907-1934. After her retirement the women of the Woman's Society M.E. Church South gave her a trip to the Orient that she might visit the mission fields in which she had wanted to serve.





MRS. H. A. FUNDERBURK (Mrs. S. E. Hough)

Sec. Christian Social Relations, 1949-52; Assistant Treasurer, 1952-53; Treasurer since 1953.



RECEPTION AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH HONORS NEW BISHOP

In October, 1960 the women of the Lancaster First Methodist Church had charge of the reception which the church gave in honor of Bishop Hardin who that year as assigned to the South Carolina Area set up at the 1960 General Conference. The receiving line was made up of (left to right): Superintendent of Rock Hill District, the Reverend E. E. Glenn and Mrs. Glenn; Bishop Paul Hardin and Mrs. Hardin; the Reverend Thomas Kemmerlin, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Kemmerlin; and Mr. J. Clifford Hubbard, Chairman of the Official Board, and Mrs. Hubbard.

APPENDIX

CHILDREN BAPTIZED IN LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH, 1857-1888

(The following list was copied from old Lancaster Circuit record books and from old Lancaster Methodist church records.)

- 1857 James Benjamin, son of W. L. and Marg't Howie, was baptized by Lewis Scarboro.
- 1859 Leonard and Andrew, sons of Frank and Nancy Mayer, were baptized by A. B. Stephens.
- 1859 Robert R., son of Thos. and Sallie Riddle, was baptized by J. W. Crider.
- 1861 Willie H., son of J. W. and Sara S. Twitty, was baptized by W. C. Patterson.
- 1861 Sarah S., daughter of Thos. and Sallie Riddle, was baptized by L. Wood.
- 1861 Jack A., son of Frank and Nancy Mayer, was baptized by L. Wood.
- 1862 Frances Eliza, daughter of A. and Marg't Mayer, was baptized by C. Taylor.
- 1862 Jas. Preston, Edward, Barnwell and Robert, sons of R. E. and Mary Allison, were baptized by L. Wood.
- 1864 Mary Dunlap, daughter of Jones and Mary E. Crockett, was baptized by J. W. Crider.
- 1864 Sallie, daughter of J. B. and Susan Boyd, was baptized by J. W. Crider.
- 1866 Annie Lu and Luella, daughters of J. W. and S. S. Twitty, were baptized by J. W. Crider.
- 1866 Thurlow Caston, son of A. and Marg't Mayer, was baptized by J. W. Crider.
- 1870 Charles McIlwain, son of W. F. and M. N. Swaringen, was baptized by W. S. Melton.
- 1871 Nov. 27 Andrew, son of A. and Marg't Mayer, was baptized by W. S. Melton.
- 1871 Nov. 28 Chas., Sam'l, Wm. Houston, Mary Lydia and Bessie Evans, children of W. L. and M. G. Howie, were baptized by J. R. Little.

- 1871 Nov. 28 Anna, Olivia and Joseph, children of J. B. and Susan Boyd, were baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1872 June 26 Willie Robt., & Sara Carolina, children of W. D. and Laura C. Marks, were baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1872 Aug. 14 Jas. H., Marg't H., Laura Francis, Thos. Scott and Nancy Ida, children of Thos. A. and Sallie Riddle, were baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1872 Oct. 10 R. E. Lee, David Jesse, & R. E. Lewis, sons of T. H. and Henrietta Clyburn, were baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1872 Nov: 26 Irene A., daughter of John G. and Eliza Cousart, was baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1873 Dec. 4 Saluda Withers, daughter of Jno. W. and Sarah S. Twitty, was baptized by J. R. Little.
- 1875 Oct. Frederick Cole, son of W. D. and Sallie Lemmond, was baptized by R. L. Harper.
- 1876 Moultrie C., Robt. A., and K. G. Billings were baptized by John W. Kelly.
- 1876 Jan. 25 Lulu Jane, daughter of J. A. and M. J. Wilkerson, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1876 Aug. 16 Barnie Wilburn, son of W. F. and Mary Swaringen, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1876 Aug. 2 Bertha Beulah Viola, daughter of Thomas S. and Sara L. Riddle, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1876 Aug. 6 Mamie J. Burns (Adult) was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1876 Dec. 3 Alford Pinckney, son of H. U. and Susan T. Parker, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Aug. 16 Henry William, son of J. A. and M. J. Wilkerson, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Sept. 30 Louise Durin, daughter of W. D. and Sallie Lemmond, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Dec. 6 Wilden Fisk, son of W. F. and Mary Swaringen, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Dec. 6 Ethel Jacoline May, daughter of T. H. and Henrietta Clyburn, was baptized by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 April Julien Carlisle Rogers, son of W. A. and Annie A. Rogers, was baptized by A. M. Chrietzberg.
- 1878 Dec. 1 Francis Eileen, daughter of W. D. and Sallie M. Lemmond, was baptized by W. W. Williams.

Baptisms (not stated whether all children or not)

- 1879 Feb. 23 Louisa Gandy, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Feb. 28 Bessie, daughter of W. H. and H. E. Ariail, baptized by Reverend T. G. Herbert.
- 1879 Aug. 16 Nannie M. and Lucinda J. Houze, children of J. G. and Vicie Houze, baptized by W. H. Ariail.

- 1879 Aug. 16 Hiram F., Henry W., Eddie M., Sarah J. and Dessie E., children of J. T. and R. M. Bell, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Aug. 16 James F., Lucius P., Frances P., Sophronia S., children of D. P. and S. J. Bell, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Aug. 16 J. R. Massey, Jr., Tabitha C. Starnes, Mattie A. Goens, Nancy Kitchens, Susan E. Goens, Amelia Jane Clark, Mary A. Gandy, William Gandy, James L. Goens, Samuel N. Bell, Thos. Samuel Bell, W. J. Bell and William Thos. Ballard were baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Sept. 14 Hattie L. Bennett, Mary E. Bell, Mary Vanlandingham, J. S. Bennett, W. J. Cauthen, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Sept. 15 M. L. McMurray was baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Nov. 22 Willie H. and Nannie C. Reed, children of J. L. and M. L. Reed, were baptized by Rev. T. G. Herbert.
- 1879 Nov. 30 George T. Bailey, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Nov. 30 Joseph K. Barker, baptized by W. H. Ariail.
- 1880 June 15 Mary Amanda Brown and Robert Crawford Brown, children of W. D. and Ella Brown, baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1880 Aug. $2\overline{2}$ Elizabeth Green Massey, child of J. R. and L. G. Massey, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1880 Aug. 22 Lulu Lorena Carter, child of A. H. and N. S. Carter, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1880 Aug. 22 Ernest Green Bell, child of D. P. and S. J. Bell, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1880 Dec. 6 Burke Lemmond, child of W. D. and S. M. Lemmond, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1881 Sept. 13 Wm. Ernest Green, child of Jas. M. and E. Green, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1881 Nov. 28 Robert Knox Blake, Isaac Tillman Blake, Pattie Edna Blake, children of Jas. H. and M. Bell Blake, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1881 Nov. 28 Mary Eliz. Clark, Fannie Jane Clark, Essie Lee Clark, Ida Cornelia Clark, Jas. Franklin Clark, John Thos. Clark, children of John and Amelia Clark, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1881 Nov. 29 Jas. Gaston Houze, child of Jas. G. and M. R. L. Houze, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1881 Nov. 29 Mary Blanch Bell and Judson Henry Bell were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 April 15 Francis C. Hull, son of J. J. and Sue Hull, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 May 3 Thos. G. Swarengen, child of W. F. and Mary Swarengen, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.

- 1882 June 10 Thos. G. Swarengen, child of W. F. and Mary Swarengen, baptized by Jas. W. Wolling. (See May 3, 1882 for same entry.)
- 1882 July 6 Lidie Wolling Massey, child of Dr. Jas. R. and Lottie G. Massey, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Aug. 3 Nancy Donella Edwards, child of Wm. and Jane E. Edwards, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Aug. 27 James T. Hunter and Mary Isabella Hunter, children of Thos. and M. J. Hunter, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Aug. 27 John W. Harper and Essie I. Harper, children of Sam. R. and Sarah S. Harper, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Aug. 27 Wm. H. Stewman, Walter S. Stewman, Maggie O. Stewman, Oscar Lee Stewman, and Ida P. Stewman, children of Samuel B. and Mary L. Stewman, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Aug. 27 Joseph E. Hagins, Samuel E. Hagins, John B. Hagins, and Robert Dickson Hagins, children of John M. and A. Agnes Hagins, were baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Oct. 29 Willie Franklin Twitty, child of Henry D. and Lizzie Twitty, was baptized by Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1883 March 25 Evan Marion Levan Williams baptized by A. H. Lester.
- 1883 July 1 Emma Bailey, infant daughter Olin F. and Hennie Connor, baptized by A. H. Lester.
- 1883 Nov. 18 William Crowell, born Sept. 20, 1882, son of William and Maggie Adams, baptized by A. H. Lester.
- 1883 Nov. 27 Florence Annie, born Oct. , 1880, and John, born Oct. , 1883, children of Wm. D. and Ella Brown, were baptized by A. H. Lester.
- 1883 Dec. 9 Taylor Caston, born Oct. 27, 1883, son of W. D. and Sallie M. Lemmond, was baptized by A. H. Lester.
- 1886 July 18 Iva Bell, daughter of J. J. and Sue Hull of Rock Hill, S. C., was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1886 Sept. 19 Robert Ernest, son of O. Pierce and Annie L. Heath, baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1886 Sept. 19 Helen Wren and Osgood Pierce, children of O. Pierce and Annie L. Heath, baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 April 10 Stafford, son of John J. and Mattie Graham was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 June 19 Olin Franklin, son of Olin F. and Hennie E. Connor, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Aug. 21 Nina Marie, daughter of A. J. and Ella Bennett, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Aug. 22 Clarence Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bailey, was baptized at St. Luke's, W. Lancaster Circuit, by A. J. Stafford.

- 1887 Aug. 22 John Flemming was baptized at St. Luke's, W. Lancaster Ct., by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Aug. 9 Katie, adopted daughter of James and Mary Manes, was baptized by M. A. Connelly.
- 1887 Nov. 13 Connie, daughter of W. A. and Jane Davis, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Nov. 13 Bernice, daughter of W. A. and Jane Davis, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Nov. 13 Ora Wolling and Adelle Jones, daughters of W. D. and Sallie Lemmond, were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Nov. 20 Latta and Quay, sons of J. M. and M. P. Hood, were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 May 20 Webb Lee, son of O. P. and Annie L. Heath, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 June 10 Lucy Irene, daughter of J. S. and J. T. McAteer, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 June 10 Nannie Laura, daughter of W. E. and M. E. Dunlap, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 August 29 Vicey Lavinia and James Walter, son & daughter of Thos. and Alice Taylor, were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Aug. 31 Lillie Harriet and Mattie Irene, daughters of John and _____ Denton, were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Aug. 31 Mary, daughter of A. J. and E. M. Dunlap, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Aug. 31 Amanda Sweat, Lottie Ghent and Thornwell Henry Denton were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Oct. 7 Corinne Virginia, daughter of M. F. and Fannie Jones, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Oct. 14 Mary McDaniel, Hicklin Montgomery and Theodosia Montgomery were baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Oct. 14 Chesley, son of W. C. and Mary McDaniel, was baptized by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Nov. 11 Nancy Lottie Vick was baptized by A. J. Stafford.

RECORDS OF MARRIAGES, 1831-1884

The following Marriage records, 1831-1884, were copied from an old Hanging Rock and Lancaster Circuit Record Book now in possession Saint Luke Methodist Church at Elgin, Lancaster County:

- 1831 January 12 James K. Douglas to Agnes Houze of Lancaster District at home of Littleton Houze, officiating minister being F. K. Brummett, witness being Jno. G. Houze.
- 1843 July 31 John G. Houze to Jane L. Dunlap at residence George Dunlap; officiating minister, Wiley Horton; witness Miss Sarah Coal.
- 1853 February 24 John W. Twitty to Sarah S. Ivy, both of Lancaster District at residence of Rev. A. Ivy; officiating minister, Rev. A. J. Cauthen; witnesses, James Fields and Lady.
- 1855 July 12 Wm. R. Bennett to Mrs. S. A. Comfort Lambeth at residence of P. W. Bennett; officiating minister, W. F. Brasington.
- 1862 April 6 W. R. Bennett to Mary Mackey.
- 1870 Oct. 11 T. A. Parrott to Miss Mary F. Jones, both of Kershaw Co., S. C. at home Rev. Simpson Jones; officiating minister, Rev. W. S. Black; witness, J. T. Cauthen.
- 1870 Nov. 24 H. T. Cauthen to M. E. Vanlandingham; residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Mr. Vanlandingham's house; officiating minister, Wm. Thomas; witnesses, Thomas Reeves and wife.

- 1872 June 6 Nathaniel Gay and S. Rebecca Horton; place of residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, J. J. Horton's, Esq.; officiating minister, Wm. Thomas; witnesses, W. McKendry Horton and W. K. Witherspoon.
- 1872 July 7 Daniel Gaskin and Sarah Graham, place of residence Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, A. J. Mahaffey's; officiating minister, Wm. Thomas; witnesses, Thomas Horton and A. J. Mahaffey.
- 1872 Oct. 27 H(iram) Mobley and Jane Robinson (Robertson); place of residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Mr. Sam'l Robinson (Robertson); officiating minister, Wm. Thomas; witnesses, Mr. Jesse Mobley and J. Robertson.

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- 1872 Nov. 21 Jas. Blake and Mary Tillman; residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Mrs. Tillman's; officiating minister, Wm. Thomas; Jas. Clifton and J. C. Matheson.
- 1873 Nov. 27 John C. West and Mary E. Thorn; residence, Kershaw Co., S. C.; place of marriage, James Thorn's; officiating minister, Thos. Munnerlyn; witnesses, Thomason and West Horton and others.
- 1873 December 7 Z. L. Robertson to Miss Lou Rollings; residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, E. Rollings; officiating minister, Thos. W. Munnerlyn; witnesses, J. B. Mobley, J. T. L. Stover and J. T. Cauthen.
- 1874 Sept. Henry Horton to Miss Rebecca Robertson; Residence, both in Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Mrs. Lucenia Robertson's; officiating minister, Thos. W. Munnerlyn; witnesses; Berry Mobley and Wesley Horton.
- 1875 Jan. 20 John T. L. Stover to Miss Arabella P.
 Rollings; residence, both in Lancaster Co., S. C.;
 place of marriage, E. Rollings; officiating minister,
 D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Arista Cauthen, John
 Rollings and Miss Betty Rollings.
- 1875 March 18 Thos. W. Catoe and Miss Rebecca Jane
 Vincent; residence, Kershaw Co., S. C.; place of
 marriage, Mrs. Mary J. Vincent's; officiating
 minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Susan Bowers,
 S. A. Vincent and Miss Alice Reeves.
- 1875 March 30 William G. Catoe to Miss Sarah Jane Horton; residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, parsonage; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witness, Mrs. S. E. McMillan.
- 1875 Oct. 31 John Truesdale to Miss Elizabeth Hale; residence, both in Kershaw Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Damascus Methodist Church; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, J. T. Cauthen, T. J. Cauthen and others.
- 1875 Dec. 23 H. H. Horton to Miss M. A. Stover; residence, Lancaster Co. and Kershaw Co., S. C. respectively; place of marriage, John Stover's; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Dr. J. J. Horton, T. J. Horton and others.

RECORDS OF MARRIAGES, 1831-1884

- 1876 Feb. 2 W. T. B. Duncan to Miss Rebecca Elizabeth Robertson; place of residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, Sam'l Robertson's; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, J. B. Mobley, Berry Mobley and Thomas Duncan.
- 1876 March 2 Samuel Crimminger to Miss Clara A. Floyd; residence, Lancaster, S. C.; place of marriage, O. Floyd; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Robert S. Floyd, Miss Sallie Reeves and Benj. Hilton.
- 1876 March 5 Benjamin Truesdale to Miss Laura T. Horton; residence, Kershaw Co. and Lancaster Co., S. C. respectively; place of marriage, Melissa Horton's; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Rebecca Horton, Malissa Horton and W. Mc. Horton.
- 1876 Dec. 6 William L. Kelly to Miss Martha A. Trusdale, residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, E. Rollings; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, Miss S. P. McMillan, Miss Bettie Rollings, Ransom Rollings.
- 1876 Dec. 7 Robt. S. Floyd to Miss Sallie E. Reeves; residence, Lancaster Co., S. C.; place of marriage, T. J. Reeves, bride's home; officiating minister, D. J. McMillan; witnesses, J. W. Cauthen, A. J. Cauthen and Samuel Cremager.
- 1882 April 9 Mr. Thomas Sowell to Miss Sallie Bell; officiating minister, Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1882 Oct. 19 Henry Connor to Miss Laura J. Adams; officiating minister, Jas W. Wolling.
- 1882 Nov. 5 Mr. Wm. Mothershed to Miss Sue E. Goens; officiating minister, Jas. W. Wolling.
- 1884 Sept. 28 Mr. David Stover to Miss Mary M. Connors; officiating minister, J. R. Massey, Jr.
- 1884 Mr. Jno. Williams to Miss Minnie Bell; officiating minister

(This was not completed but the handwriting was the same as that of the foregoing in which J. R. Massey, Jr. was the officiating minister.)

RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1871-1877

(From old Lancaster Methodist Register)

1871 - Nov. 16 - J. W. Hasseltine and Mary R. Brown were married by J. R. Little.

MARRIAGES, 1871-1877

- 1872 April 24 Wm. G. Clark and Mary F. Sadler were married by J. R. Little.
- 1873 Oct. 1 J. J. Hull and Susan Boyd were married by J. R. Little.
- 1874 Jany (June?) W. D. Lemmond and Sallie Mayer were married by R. L. Harper.
- 1874 Oct. 8 Stephen Mathis and Alice Billings were married by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Oct. 31 Mart P. Crawford and Lizzie Twitty were married by W. A. Rogers.
- 1877 Nov. 22 Henry D. Twitty and Lizzie Bailey were married by W. A. Rogers.
- 1879 April 10 Mr. Samuel T. Shaffer to Miss Nannie Y. Burns by Rev. W. H. Ariail.
- 1879 Nov. 27 J. Simon Bennett to Miss Susan Ballard by Rev. W. H. Ariail.
- 1885 Dec. 29 Hon. J. R. Massey of Lancaster to Miss M. D. Matheson of Liberty Hill, Kershaw Co., S. C.; at J. Wren Tillman's near Lancaster, S. C. by A. J. Stafford.

MARRIAGES, 1871-1890

- 1886 Feb. 26 Emanuel Moisson to Angus Reed (colored) by A. J. Stafford.
- 1886 April 18 Thomas Magill to Miss Saphoronia Caskey by Bartlett Witherspoon, Esqr.
- 1887 April 13- Percy E. Rowell to Miss Lula Riddle at Lancaster by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 July 26 Dickson Moore to Jenny Dye (colored) by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Sept. 28 George B. Doggett of Shelby, N. C. to Miss Agnes M. Haliburton of Lancaster, S. C. at Lancaster by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Sept. 28 James M. Hemphill of Marion, N. C. to Miss Mayo M. Mitchell, Lancaster, S. C. at Lancaster by A. J. Stafford.
- 1887 Sept. 30 Frank O. London, Rock Hill, S. C. to Miss Lilly Moore, Lancaster, S. C. by A. J. Stafford.
- 1888 Dec. A. P. Jones to Miss Helen Welsh by Rev. J.C. Davis.
- 1889 April 30 J. C. Lee to Miss Agnes Stover by Rev. J. C. Davis.
- 1890 Feb. 25 A. L. Garvin to Miss Jennie Rateree by Rev. A. W. Attaway.

REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1865-1889

1879, Feb. 26	1865	Lyttle Hoague, aged 92 years
1879, July 16	1879, Feb. 26	-W. H. Green
1879, Dec. 27	1879, Feb. 26	Rhoda Horton
1879, Dec. 27	1879, July 16	Sarah J. Johnson
1880, Feb. 7	1879, Dec. 27	Susan T. Parker
1880, Nov. 23	1880, Feb. 7	C. L. Tillman
1880, Nov. 23	1880, Sept. 16	Nannie J. Shaver
1881, June	1880, Nov. 23	Grace Shaver
1881, June Nancy Mayer 1881, Aug. Mary Swarengen (Mrs. W. F.) 1881, Dec. 26 William McMullin 1882, Oct. 23 Hannah B. Stewman 1883, Nov. 4 Annie Lemmond 1886, Mar. 7 Infant son W. McD & Ella Brown 1886, June 14 Mrs. Susan Lemmond 1886, June 14 Martha Lark 1886, June 18 Willie Clyde, infant son A. J. & Ella Bennett 1 1887, June 17 Infant daughter W. McD & Ella Brown Miss Luella (Ella) Twitty 1887, June 28 Infant son W. F. & Mrs. Swearingen 1887, Sept. Estelle, infant daughter Geo. & Mattie Payseur 1nfant son Geo & Mattie Payseur 1888, May 7 Mrs. Mary McAteer of Zion Church 1888, July 3 J. Lucinda McAteer 1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 J. T. McAteer	1881, June	Amelia Villines
1881, Aug. ————————————————————————————————————	1881, June	Nancy Mayer
1881, Dec. 26 William McMullin 1882, Oct. 23 Hannah B. Stewman 1883, Nov. 4 Annie Lemmond 1886, Mar. 7 Infant son W. McD & Ella Brown 1886, June 14 Mrs. Susan Lemmond 1886, June 14 Martha Lark 1886, June 18 Willie Clyde, infant son A. J. & Ella Bennett 1887, June 17 Infant daughter W. McD & Ella Brown 1887, June 19 Miss Luella (Ella) Twitty 1887, June 28 Infant son W. F. & Mrs. Swearingen 1887, Sept. Estelle, infant daughter Geo. & Mattie Payseur 1888, March 5 Infant son Geo & Mattie Payseur 1888, May 7 Mrs. Mary McAteer of Zion Church 1888, July 3 James 3. Hunter 1888, July 18 J. Lucinda McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings	1881, Aug	Mary Swarengen (Mrs. W. F.)
1882, Oct. 23	1881, Dec. 26	William McMullin
1886, Mar. 7	1882, Oct. 23	Hannah B. Stewman
1886, June 14	1883, Nov. 4	Annie Lemmond
1886, June 14	1886, Mar. 7	Infant son W. McD & Ella Brown
1886, June 18	1886, June 14	Mrs. Susan Lemmond
& Ella Bennett 1887, June 17	1886, June 14	Martha Lark
& Ella Bennett 1887, June 17	1886, June 18	Willie Clyde, infant son A. J.
Brown 1887, June 19		& Ella Bennett
Brown 1887, June 19	1887, June 17	Infant daughter W. McD & Ella
1887, June 28 Infant son W. F. & Mrs. Swearingen 1887, Sept Estelle, infant daughter Geo. & Mattie Payseur 1888, March 5 Infant son Geo & Mattie Payseur 1888, May 7 Mrs. Mary McAteer of Zion Church 1888, June 4 James 3. Hunter 1888, July 3 J. Lucinda McAteer 1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings		
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1887, Sept	1887, June 28	Infant son W. F. & Mrs.
& Mattie Payseur 1888, March 5 Infant son Geo & Mattie Payseur 1888, May 7 Mrs. Mary McAteer of Zion Church 1888, June 4 James 7. Hunter 1888, July 3 J. Lucinda McAteer 1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings		Swearingen
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1888, June 4 James 7. Hunter 1888, July 3 J. Lucinda McAteer 1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings	1888, March 5	Infant son Geo & Mattie Payseur
1888, July 3 J. Lucinda McAteer 1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings	1888, May 7	Mrs. Mary McAteer of Zion Church
1888, July 18 J. T. McAteer 1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings	1888, June 4	James ?. Hunter
1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings	1888, July 3	J. Lucinda McAteer
1889, Nov. 13 K. G. Billings 1889, Nov. 19 David J. Carter	1888, July 18	J. T. McAteer
1889, Nov. 19 David J. Carter	1889, Nov. 13	K. G. Billings
	1889, Nov. 19	David J. Carter

ROLLS OF THE LANCASTER METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

FOR THE YEARS 1878-1889

(The dates indicate the year the person united with the Methodist, either by profession and baptism, by profession or by letter.)

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Adams, Catherine D.
                                     Beckham, Elizabeth
Adams, J. H. (1883)
                                     Beckham, E. A.
Adams, Laura J. (1881)
                                     Belden, A. J.
Adams, Mary J. (1883)
                                     Belden, Margaret Baskins
Adams, Sallie E. (1883)
                                     Bell, A. E.
Addison, Nancy
                                     Bell, D. P.
Allison, Edward C. (1884)
                                     Bell, E. E.
Allison, Mamie (1889)
                                     Bell, E. R.
Allison, Mettie (1889)
                                     Bell, G. W. (1879)
Allison, M. A.
                                     Bell, Hettie (1881)
Allison, R. Barnwell (1884)
                                     Bell, J. B.
Allison, R. E.
                                     Bell, Joseph
Allison, Mrs. R. E. (1885)
                                     Bell, Mary A.
                                     Bell, Mary E. (1879)
Bailey, Amelia
                                     Bell, Morning
Bailey, Hennie (Mrs. O. F. Connor) Bell, N. S. (Mrs. A. H. Carter)
Bailey, David R.
                                     Bell, R. M.
Bailey, Geo. T. (1879)
                                     Bell, S. B.
Bailey, James D.
                                     Bell, S. J.
Bailey, James E.
                                     Bell, Samuel N.
Bailey, John
                                     Bell, S. R.
Bailey, Rhoda
                                     Bell, Thomas S.
Bailey, Thomas C. (1882)
                                     Bell, W. H.
Baker, Joseph (1879)
                                     Bell, W.J.
Ballard, A. S.
                                     Bennett, A. J. (1879)
Ballard, M. E. C.
                                     Bennett, Mrs. A. J.
Ballard, M. J.
                                     Bennett, Hattie L. (1879)
Ballard, William Thomas
                                     Bennett, J. H. (1879)
Barr, Sallie (1881)
                                     Bennett, J. S. (1879)
                                     Bennett, M. E.
Bennett, T. R. (1879)
Barton, Addie E. (1881)
Barton, J. S. L. (1879)
Barton, J. T.
                                     Bennett, R. S. (1879)
Barton, M. E.
                                     Bennett, W. P.
Barton, W. H. R. (1879)
                                     Bennett, W. O.
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Bennett, W. R. Caskey, M. A. Billings, Gibson (1890) Caskey, S. S. Billings, Katherine Caskey, Samuel L. (1879) Billings, K. G. Caston, Annie E. Billings, Mrs. E. G. Caston, Maria V. Billings, Robert Cauthen, Lucius S. Blake, J. H. (1879) Cauthen, M. E. (1879) Boyd, Anna (1884) Cauthen, Mary J. A. Boyd, Joseph (1884) Cauthen, S. A. Boyd, Josh B. (1883) Cauthen, W. Martin Boyd, Mrs. J. B. Cauthen, W. Y. (1879) Boyd, Maggie (Mrs. H. U. Chance, A. Wm. Parker - 1883) Clanton, Eliza V. (1881) Boyd, Mattie (Mrs. Payseur-1883) Clanton, Nannie (1881) Boyd, Sallie (1884) Clanton, R. M. Boyd, Susan M. (1883) Clanton, W. R. Brasel, Martha Clifton, Catherine Brown, David W. Clifton, Irvin Brown, E. Amanda Clark, Amelia J. Brown, Ella Clark, John Brown, Eliza E. (Mrs. Wm. Jones) Clyburn, Clara C. Brown, Sara Alice Clyburn, Henrietta Brown, Wm. D. Clyburn, James F. Buckins, Emaline Cole, J. R. Buckins, E. J. A. Cole, Mary Buckins, M. E. Connor, Mrs. Hennie Bailey Burns, W. H. Connor, Olin F. (1881) Connors, Charles T. Campbell, James (1887) Connors, Elizabeth Carter, Addie (Mrs. J. T. Connors, Emma Thomasson-1889) Crenshaw, C. R. (1879)) Carter, Alexander Crenshaw, M. A. Carter, A. H. Crenshaw, M. N. Carter, nnie Crockett, Jones Carter, Charlie (1891) Crockett, Minnie Carter, C. E. Crowell, Ella W. (1882) Carter, C. J. Crowell, Fannie E. (1882) Carter, David J. Crowell, Jesie (1882) Carter, D. Junius (1882) Crowell, Wm. S. (1882) Carter, H. L. P. Croxton, James Carter, Joseph Carter, J. Columbus (1881) Davis, Mrs. Jane Carter, Lou (Mrs. D. J.) Davis, J. B. Carter, Mary Davis, Louisa (1882) Carter, S. E. Davis, W. A. Carter, T. C. Davis, Mrs. W. A. Carter, Thurlow S. Downs, Mary Caskey, A. E. Dunlap, Ann Caskey, Maggie A. Dunlap, D. E.

Hamel, Jno. W. Dunlap, Jane Dunlap, S. N. Hamel, M. (Mrs. J. W.) Durantt Jas. 0. Harper, Sarah S. Durant, Mrs. Jas. O. Heath, Anna Lee (Mrs. O.P.) Heath, James Durant, M. N. Duren, M. A. Heath, Mary (1882) Durne, M. E. Heath, O. Pierce (1882) Durin, Mary M. Heath, S. B. Durin, Thos. R. Henry, Emiline J. (1881) Hicklin, J. P. Edwards, Jane E. (Mrs. W. L. 1881) Hicklin, M. A. Edwards, Marietta (Mettie) Hicklin, Sallie Elam, R. B. Hickson, Laura J. (Mrs. J. P. Elam, Mrs. R. L. (1881) Hunter) Elliott, Caroline (1883) Hickson, H. Jas. Hoke, K. F. (1888) Felts, D. M. Hoke, J. Z. (1888) Hood, J. M. (1889) Felts, Sarah Ferguson, Mattie (Mrs. Graham) Hood, Molly Poag (Mrs. J. M. Ferril, James (1879) 1889) Flemming, Mary E. (1883) Hooper, Susan (1889) Fraser, M. L. Horton, C. A. (1889) Fraser, William S. Horton, C. C. Horton, Edith (1882) Gainer, B. A. Horton, J. S. (1879) Gainer, E. A. Horton, Rhoda Gainer, Frank E. C. (1879) Houze, Caroline Gainer, J. A. (1879) Houze, Jane C. Gainer, S. E. (1879) Houze, J. G. Gandy, Louisa (1879) Houze, Penelope Gandy, Mary A. (1879) Houze, R. L. Gandy, William (1879) Howell, Alexander Hu11, J. J. Garvin, A. L. (1889) Garvin, Belle (1889) Hull, Susan Bord (Mrs. J.J.) Garvin, Cora (1889) Hunter, Cynthia L. Garvin, Jane E. (1889) Hunter, Ella Hunter, Isac T. Garvin, W. F. (1889) Gladden, Elizabeth Hunter, James R. Goens, James L. (1879) Hunter, James F. Goens, John R. Hunter, J. Miles, M. D. Goens, M. J. Hunter, J. P. Goens, Mattie A. (1879) Hunter, Mrs. J. P. Goens, Suan E. (1879) Hunter, J. T. Graham, John J. Hunter, Mamie (1889) Graham, Mrs. J. J. Hunter, M. J. Green, Eliza (1879) Hunter, Nannie F. Green, W. H. Hunter, W. C.

Greer, Julia R. (1883)

Johnson, Lavinia (Mrs. H.M.) (1889) Mayer, Maria V. Johnson, Martha A. Mayer, Mrs. Margaret C. Johnson, M. A. E. (Mrs. A., Sr.) Johnson, Sarah J. Mayer, Nancy Jones, A. Pruett (1887) Mayer, W. McF. Jones, Helen Welsh (Mrs. A.P.) Mayer, Thurlow Jones, Mrs. C. W. McDaniel, W. C. Jones, Fannie E. McDaniel, Mary Jones, M. F. (1883) McKibben, H. M. (1881) McKibben, Sarah (1881) Kibler, Mary Emiline C. (1883) McMullin, Wm. Kilgo, Mrs. Pierce F. (1889) McMurray, M. L. (1879) Kitchens, John S. Miller, B. F. Kitchens, Nancy Miller, Emma (Mrs. B. F.) Miller, John A. Lark, Martha Miller, Lou Lee, J. C. (1889) Miller, Mamie Lee, Mrs. J. C. (1889) Miller, Mattie Lee, Jno. Thos. (1881) Miller, Minnie Lemmond, Aileen (1889) Moore, Elliott B. Lemmond, Annie Moore, Emma Lemmond, Frederick (1889) Moore, Mrs. W. A. Lemmond, Louisa (1889) Moore, Mary (Mrs.) Lemmond, Sallie Mayer (Mrs. W. D.) Lemmond, Susan Nicholson, J. Carter (1881) Lemmond, W. D. Nicholson, Katie (1881) Lester, Harriett R. (1883) Osborne, A. W. Mackey, J. T. Osborne, Jennie M. (Mrs. Mackey, Mary 0. A.) Magill, F. A. Osborne, O. A. Magill, Mary S. Osborne, S. M. Magill, Thomas Manes, James Parker, H. E. Manes, Mrs. Mary Parker, H. E. (1886) Manes, Rebecca Parker, Joseph L. Parker, Mrs. Maggie (1886) Mann, Davidson G. Massey, J. R. Jr. Parker, Mary Jane Massey, Mary Parker, Susan T. Mathis, Mrs. Alice Billings Parker, Thos. Mayer, Andrew, Sr. Patterson, Mary E. Mayer, Andrew, Jr. Pea, Isabella (1889) Mayer, Andrew ?. Pea, R. J. (1889) Mayer, Benjamin F. Perkins, A. H. (1882) Perkins, Mrs. A. H. (1882) Mayer, Fannie Mayer, Francis M. Perkins, James Perkins, Mrs. L. F. (1882) Mayer, John Milton Mayer, Leonard Poke, Margaret Mayer, Maggie Poke, Nolen

Porter, Mary A. J.

Price, E. Jane

Reed, Jas. L. Reed, John Riddle, J. M. Riddle, Ella

Riddle, Johnnie (1889)

Riddle, Louisa Riddle, Lulu

Riddle, Rhoda (Mrs. J. M.) Middle, Sallie (Mrs. T. S.)

Rivenback, M. A. Roberts, Richard

Rock, Mrs. Mary (1881) Rowell, Lulu (1887)

Rowell, Percy E. (1887)

Shaver, Elizabeth Shaver, E. A. Shaver, Grace Shaver, Jas. M. Shaver, M.J.

Shaver, Nannie J. Starns, Tabitha C. (1879)

Stewman, Hannah B. Stewman, Mary L.

Stewman, Samuel B.

Stover, D. W.

Swearingen, Mary (Mrs. W. F.)

Swearingen, W. F.

Taylor, John Thompson, E. Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, Nancy Tillman, C. F. Tillman, C. L. Tillman, J. Lee Tuggle, Clyde Tuggle, Frazier Tuggle, Onie

Twitty, Annie Lee Twitty, Henry D. Twitty, John W.

Twitty, Lizzie Bailey (Mrs. H. D.)

Twitty, Luella (Ella)

Twitty, Lula

Twitty, Sar Ivy (Mrs. J. W.)

Villines, Amelia Vanlandingham, Mary Vanlandingham, Mattie Vanlandingham, M. R. Vanlandingham, Sarah

Wade, Lizzie Watson, Elender S. Welch, Harriett Welch, Helen (Mrs. A.P.Jones) Welch, T. J. Wells, E. J. Wells, Henrietta White, Elizabeth Wilkerson, J. N.

Young, J. Y.

Williams, E. M. L.

OFFICIAL QUARTERLY CONFERENCE ROLLS FOR LANCASTER CIRCUIT AND LANCASTER STATION 1833-1888

In instances where the names of the official for a given year were not definitely listed in the available church records the names have been supplied from those officials marked present in attendance upon at least one quarterly conference meetinf for that year. Where the official members from all churches on the circuit are given, the names of those believed to have been members of Lancaster Methodist church have been underlined. In cases where there are no church records whatever the names of trustees in some cases were found in old court records.

The records used in compiling these lists are now on file in the Lancaster First Methodist Church; an old Lancaster Circuit record book now in the possession of the Saint Luke Methodist Church at Elgin; Lancaster County records; and Betts' "History of South Carolina Methodism": and "Twentieth Century Sketches of the South Carolina Conference, M. E. Church South" - Revised by Rev. Watson B. Duncan, A. M. published 1914 by The State Company, Columbia, S. C.

WATEREE CIRCUIT

1833-1834

1833: Pastor, Rev. Thomas C. Smith1

1854:

Rev. A. J. Cauthen

LANCASTER CIRCUIT

1834-1868

1834: Pastor, Rev. Robert Adams and Rev. S. Armstrong 1835: Rev. James C. Postell (See Jenkins' "Experiences") 1836: Rev. Ira L. Potter and Rev. Neil Munroe Trustees: Simon Beckham, Francis K. Brummett, Daniel Button, Isom Houze, William Massey, Joseph D. Klingle Rev. Ira L. Potter and Rev. Colin Murchison 1837: 1838: Rev. J. M. Bradley and Rev. S. Townsend 1839: Rev. W. Brockington and Rev. C. W. Barnes 1840: Rev. William Brockington and Rev. Lewis Little 1841: Rev. W. T. Harrison 1842: Rev. David W. Seal Rev. J. R. Pickett 1843: 1844: Rev. J. R. Pickett Rev. Wesley L. Pegues 1845: 1846: Rev. Jacky M. Bradley Rev. Edward L. King 1847: 1848: Rev. M. Puckett 1849: Rev. Donald McDonald 1850: Rev. Thomas M. Farrow 1851: Rev. John A. Porter 1852: Rev. David W. Seale 1853: Rev. Andrew Jackson Cauthen

Lancaster Enterprise, June 12, 1909, courtesy Mrs. J. R. Evans.

- 1855: Rev. John H. Robinson Trustees: Lewis Cauthen, Daniel Brown, J. M. Ingram, C. A. Plyler, George Funderburk and Andrew Mayer
- Rev. James H. Ward 1856:
- 1857: Rev. A. B. Stephens 1858: Rev. J. W. Crider
- 1859:
- Rev. John W. Crider
- 1860: Rev. Landy Wood
- 1861: Rev. Landy Wood
- Rev. A. W. Walker and Rev. John Hutchison 1862:
- Rev. C. E. Land and Rev. A. N. Wells 1863:
- 1864: Rev. C. E. Land
- Rev. John W. Crider 1865: Officials: Andrew Mayer, Daniel Brown, Thomas S. Riddle, William M. Connors, Jones Crockett, A. J. Belden, R. E. Allison and W. H. Burns.
- 1866: Rev. John W. Crider Officials: D. W. Brown, Jones Crockett, R. E. Allison, John J. Graham, W. M. Connors, James L. Reed, S. Joseph Carter, C. L. Duncan, James K. Douglas, John W. Twitty and J. T. Mackey
- 1867: Rev. John W. Crider Officials: Andrew Mayer, J. B. Boyd, W. M. Connors, D. J. Carter, J. L. Reed, Joseph Carter, J. W. Twitty, Jones Crockett, John T. Mackey, and James M. Douglas
- Rev. John W. Crider 1868: Officials: W. M. Connors, Andrew Mayer, D. W. Brown, R. E. Allison, D. J. Carter and Jones Crockett

LANCASTER STATION

1869-1878

- 1869: Rev. C. Thomason Stewards: W. M. Connors, D. J. Carter, Jones Crockett, A. Mayer, A. J. Belden, J. W. Twitty and J. J. Graham
- 1870: Rev. W. S. Black Officials: J. W. Twitty, Jones Crockett, A. J. Belden, J. J. Graham, R. E. Allison, W. M. Connors and D. J. Carter
- 1871: Rev. J. R. Little Trustees: W. M. Connors, D. W. Brown, Jones Crockett, R. E. Allison, D. J. Carter, J. J. Graham, A. Mayer, J. W. Twitty
- Rev. J. R. Little 1872: Trustees: W. M. Connors, D. W. Brown, Jones Crockett, R. E. Allison, D. J. Carter, J. J. Graham, A. Mayer, A. Carter, W. D. Lemmond

Stewards: R. E. Allison, D. W. Brown, J. B. Boyd, W. M. Connors, Jones Crockett, D. J. Carter and J. W. Twitty

1873: Rev. J. R. Little
Officials: J. W. Twitty, Jones Crockett, W. D. Lemmond,
W. R. Bennett, J. J. Graham, D. W. Brown, A. J. Belden,
D. J. Carter, R. E. Allison

1874: Rev. R. L. Harper
Officials: D. W. Brown, D. J. Carter, Jones Crockett,
J. W. Twitty, W. D. Lemmond, A. Carter, W. M. Connors,
Andrew Mayer, J. J. Graham

1875: Rev. R. L. Harper
Officials: R. E. Allison, D. W. Brown, Jones Crockett,
A. Carter, J. W. Twitty, W. D. Lemmond
Sunday School Supt: John W. Twitty

1876: Rev. W. A. Rogers
Stewards: John W. Twitty, D. W. Brown, W. D. Lemmond,
Jones Crockett, R. E. Allison, J. J. Graham, J. R. Hunter
S. S. Supt: J. W. Twitty

1877: Rev. W. A. Rogers
Officials: John W. Twitty, J. R. Hunter, W. D. Lemmond,
D. W. Brown, R. E. Allison, Jones Crockett, A. J. Belden

1878: Rev. W. W. Williams
Stewards and Trustees: R. E. Allison, D. W. Brown, Jones
Crockett, J. J. Graham, J. R. Hunter, M. J. Shaver, H. D.
Twitty, W. D. Lemmond, D. J. Carter, A. Mayer and A. J.
Belden

LANCASTER CIRCUIT

1879-1881

1879: Rev. W. H. Ariail
Officials: W. R. Bennett, D. E. Dunlap, J. R. Massey, Jr.,
J. W. Twitty, W. D. Lemmond, B. A. Gainer, J. T. Mackey,
J. T. Barton, W. P. Bennett, Jno. Bell, J. G. Houze, I. W.
Hunter, J. D. Bailey, J. R. Hunter, R. E. Allison, D. W.
Brown, Jones Crockett, J. J. Graham, D. J. Carter and A.
Carter

1880: Rev. James W. Wolling
Trustees: W. D. Lenmond, H. D. Twitty, C. T. Connors,
J. J. Graham, James F. Hunter

1881: Rev. James W. Wolling

LANCASTER STATION

1882-1961

1882: Rev. James W. Wolling

1883: Rev. A. H. Lester
Stewards: W. D. Lemmond, treas.; Jas. R. Hunter, W. D.
Brown, J. J. Graham, O. P, Heath, J. W. Twitty, O. A.
Osborn
Trustees: W. D. Lemmond, H. D. Twitty, J. J. Graham,
James F. Hunter, R. E. Allison, Alex Carter, A. H. Perkin

James F. Hunter, R. E. Allison, Alex Carter, A. H. Perkins, A. Mayer and W. S. Crowell

1884: Rev. W. A. Moore

1885: Rev. W. A. Moore

1886: Rev. A. J. Stafford

1887: Rev. A. J. Stafford

Trustees: R. E. Allison, F. M. Mayer, J. J. Graham, A. Mayer, D. J. Carter, James Manes, A. H. Perkins Other Officials: W. D. Lemmond, treas., J. W. Twitty, M. F. Jones, A. H. Perkins, O. A. Osborn, B. F. Miller, Jas. F. Hunter
Building Committee: J. W. Twitty, O. P. Heath, R. E.

Allison, W. D. Lemmond and B. F. Miller

1888: Rev. A. J. Stafford
Officials: J. W. Twitty, Andrew Mayer, W. D. Lemmond,
R. E. Allison, J. J. Graham, B. F. Miller, M. F. Jones,
D. R. Lane, W. A. McCorkle, C. S. Starnes, J. A. McAlen,
J. R. Hunter
S.S. Supt: J. W. Twitty; assistants: D. J. Carter and
O. A. Osborn

1889: Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo
Stewards: W. D. Lemmond, W. McD. Brown, J. M. Riddle,
A. L. Garvin, J. J. Graham, J. W. Hamel, A. P. Jones and
R. E. Allison
Trustees: R. E. Allison, W. D. Lemmond, J. J. Graham,
Lames F. Hunter, Lames A. Manes, F. M. Mayor, Andrew

James F. Hunter, James A. Manes, F. M. Mayer, Andrew Mayer and W. A. Davis

S. S. Supt.: M. F. Jones; assist. Supt.: J. W. Twitty 1890: Rev. P. F. Kilgo

Stewards: J. M. Riddle, W. D. Lemmond, W. McD. Brown, A. L. Garvin, J. J. Graham, J. W. Hamel, A. P. Jones, R. E. Allison, B. F. Miller, J. W. Twitty

Trustees: J. M. Riddle, W. D. Lemmond, W. McD. Brown, J. W. Hamel, R. E. Allison, J. M. Hood, B. F. Miller,

W. P. Bennett, J. W. Twitty

S. S. Supt.: M. F. Jones

1891: Rev. P. F. Kilgo
Stewards: J. M. Riddle, W. D. Lemmond, J. W. Hamel, W.
McD. Brown, W. P. Bennett, A. L. Garvin, E. C. Allison,
T. S. Carter

S. S. Supt.: B. F. Miller

1892: Rev. E. G. Price
Stewards: J. M. Riddle, Chrm.; W. D. Lemmond, W. McD.
Brown, E. C. Allison, W. P. Bennett, T. S. Carter, John
R. Walker, F. J. Smith
Trustees: J. M. Riddle, W. McD. Brown, E. C. Allison,
W. P. Bennett, R. E. Allison, B. F. Miller, J. M. Hood,
R. B. Allison
S. S. Supt.: B. F. Miller

1893: Rev. E. G. Price
Stewards: J. M. Riddle, W. D. Lemmond, W. McD. Brown,
W. P. Bennett, R. E. Allison, M. F. Jones, J. F. Hunter
Trustees: J. M. Riddle, W. D. Lemmond, W. P. Bennett,
R. E. Allison, M. F. Jones, J. F. Hunter, G. W. Poovey,
B. F. Miller, J. M. Heath, E. C. Allison, T. S. Carter,
J. M. Hood, R. B. Allison, H. M. Johnson, J. E. Stewman,
W. A. Davis
S. S. Supt.: B. F. Miller

1894: Rev. J. M. Steadman
Stewards: J. M. Riddle, Chrm., R. E. Allison, W. D.
Lemmond, M. F. Jones, W. P. Bennett, J. M. Hood, J. E.
Stewman, J. F. Hunter, Dr. G. W. Poovey, B. F. Miller,
J. M. Heath, R. B. Allison, H. M. Johnston, W. A. Davis,
E. C. Allison, T. S. Carter, E. C. Cloud
S. S. Supt.: B. F. Miller

1895: Rev. J. M. Steadman
Stewards: J. M. Riddle, R. E. Allison, W. P. Bennett,
J. M. Hood, J. E. Stewman, G. W. Poovey, E. C. Cloud
Trustees: J. M. Riddle, R. E. Allison, W. P. Bennett,
J. M. Hood, J. E. Stewman, G. W. Poovey, E. E. Cloud,
W. D. Lemmond, J. M. Heath, M. F. Jones, J. F. Hunter,
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